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## HAYNES DEBACLE.

"A NASTY PIECE OF FRAUD."

### LEFT THE COLONY?

Mr. Russ on South China Trade Protection Assn.

SHROFFS SUE FOR RETURN OF SECURITY.

"As nasty a piece of fraud as possible," and words to that effect, were used several times by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, principal of Messrs. Russ & Co., solicitors, in the Summary Court this morning when he referred to L. E. Haynes and a concern known as the South China Trade Protection Association.

"We know and we have other information which we are not in a position to disclose at the moment but we will take action at the proper time." This was another statement by Mr. Russ, during the hearing of three claims by shroffs who had put up cash deposits with the South China Trade Protection Association.

Such action is "awfully bad for prestige," Mr. Russ continued and he invited the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Jacks) to stress what he described as a "bad case which should be known in Shanghai and elsewhere."

Judgment against Haynes and the Association was given in two cases and against the Association in another.

### PROMISES TO STAFF.

In his opening statement, Mr. Russ said that his previous statement—some weeks ago—that forty shroffs had been engaged was quite correct. These shroffs, mostly young men who had just left school (Mr. Russ stated), were all present in Court.

Other remarks by Mr. Russ, who spoke with considerable heat, were to the effect that:—

Three of these men had paid deposits of \$1,000 each; many others had paid \$500 and some \$300.

The Association's premises at No. 6, Queen's-road Central had been closed, following "an alleged robbery by some unknown people."

During the last week-end, most of the furniture had been cleared out so that when the landlord distrained for arrears of rent he found "nothing."

In the meanwhile "Mr. Haynes was driving his own car and knocking down Police Inspectors"; and

"Mr. Haynes had now left the Colony."

### TO THE STAFF.

One of Mr. Russ's clients produced in Court a letter from the South China Trade Protection Association, signed "L. E. Haynes," addressed "To All Members of the Staff," dated July 11, 1928, and reading as follows:—

The deeply deplorable and lamentable action of . . . in robbing this Company of considerable sums of money has seriously embarrassed all concerned.

This embarrassment, however, does not, by any means, mean that the Company is financially unsound. As a matter of fact from the point of view of our business, it is at present on a sounder footing than heretofore, and every sober-minded member of the staff will, I feel sure, appreciate the fact that a little patience will result in a satisfactory outcome for all concerned.

In order that everyone may be guaranteed as to his security I am arranging through my Solicitors to transfer shares on trust for the staff to the extent of \$20,000.00, a sum capable of providing ample security.

With regard to salaries for June which have not been paid, I am doing my utmost to arrange ready cash to meet the Company's liabilities in this respect. In order to do this I am prepared to make considerable personal sacrifice and wish to assure everyone that this will be arranged as soon as possible. I have had an offer for certain personal property which may be put through by Friday next, in which case everyone will be paid on Saturday morning. In conclusion I desire to thank everyone for their patience and forbearance with me during this period of difficulty and trial and to assure one and all that they will not regret having been patient.

### SARCASM.

Mr. Russ had some very sarcastic observations to make in regard to

passages in the circular letter quoted.

He said that Mr. Haynes had a conscience when he gave the assurance to all members of the staff; but, he said, the only robbery of the Company was of the furniture during the week-end.

He, Mr. Russ, failed to understand how "a company, after being robbed, could be on a 'sounder footing than heretofore.'"

In connection with the mention of \$20,000 worth of shares on trust, Mr. Russ said "We (meaning his clients) have never seen the shares."

Further, Mr. Russ said that he did not know what Mr. Haynes meant by the "personal sacrifice."

### ANOTHER LETTER.

"Have you seen any of the shares?" Mr. Russ asked Mr. P. M. Hodgson, of Messrs. Tao & Hodgson, solicitors for another shroff.

"We haven't," Mr. Hodgson replied with a smile, "but we have received a letter which is not the same."

It then transpired that also on July 11, a letter had been written to Messrs. Tao & Hodgson by the South China Trade Protection Association, Ltd. (signed L. E. Haynes, Managing Director), reading as follows:—

Re Mr. Chan Pak Sui.  
We have for acknowledgement your letters of the 6th and 9th instant relative to certain sums of money due to your client and in reply beg to inform you that owing to the defalcation of . . . it is impossible to comply with your request and settle your client's claim by noon to-day. The present writer is doing his utmost—at a considerable personal sacrifice—to adjust the Company's finances and requests you to bear with him in this matter for a few days and to accept his assurances that your client will be paid in full as soon as matters can be adjusted. We feel sure that you will understand that any proceedings at the present moment would be equally detrimental to your client as they would be to ourselves.

Commending the foregoing to your kind attention,  
We are, dear Sirs,  
Yours faithfully,

### "CAR & SECRETARY."

"Many of these young men borrowed from their relatives to get a start in life," Mr. Russ said, in addressing His Lordship, "while Mr. Haynes went about in a car, had a secretary and chauffeur."

That he had personal knowledge that Haynes had left the Colony yesterday was another statement made by Mr. Russ.

The first case was that of Chan Pak-sui, who claimed \$354.10, and was represented by Mr. Hodgson. When this came on, the Court interpreter formally called the name of "South China Trade Protection Association, Ltd." twice and reported "Defendants absent, my Lord."

Mr. Hodgson asked leave to prove his claim immediately, the usual "Friday fixing" had been gone through. When Mr. Russ's two

## ARMS HID IN TIN CANS.

### JUNK BAY HAUL.

THREE YEARS PENAL SERVITUDE FOR CHINESE.

DUMPED INTO SEA.

Brought to the station by Sub-Inspector Dorling, two Chinese were charged before the two Magistrates, Mr. R. E. Lindsell and Major C. Willson, O.B.E., this morning for possession of 47 automatic pistols, 9 lugars, one Smith Wesson, revolver and 5,606 rounds of ammunition on the s.s. "Benmohr," in Junk Bay.

The arms and ammunition were all put into cans and the defendant was about to lower them into the water when arrested by members of the ship.

Acting Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation Murphy told the Court that it was a custom for smugglers to dump the arms into the sea when ships arrived from Europe. These arms were afterwards salvaged by syndicates and again smuggled into Chinese waters. Arms recently seized off Aberdeen supports this statement.

The defendant were convicted and were each sentenced to three years' hard labour.

cases were called, he did likewise.

Mr. Russ's writs were made out against the South China Trade Protection Association and L. E. Haynes. In one of them, however, the word "Limited" had been added after he had signed it and he asked leave to amend that writ by deleting the word. Service of the writs had been perfectly good, Mr. Russ added and concluded by saying "It is just about as bad a fraud as could have happened."

### SHROFF EVIDENCE.

When the time came for Mr. Hodgson to prove his claim, he also applied for leave to amend the writ by deleting the word "Ltd." Accordingly, defendants' name was again called without the Ltd. at the end.

Chan Pak-sui said he had been engaged last April as a shroff at a salary of \$50 per month and he was to pay a cash deposit of \$300 as security. He had received two months' pay and a month's pay was still owing to him.

The compromise order for his June pay was signed by Haynes but he was not paid when he presented it. He had applied for return of the deposit but Haynes had not given it back.

The agreement signed by plaintiff and defendants was handed in. Employment terminated on July 4.

His Lordship asked Mr. Hodgson who was the owner of the Association. Mr. Hodgson replied that he understood Haynes was, that he had heard of it being made into a limited company, but he did not think that the limited company had taken over the liabilities. "I have a letter signed by Haynes, also the compromise order and the agreement," Mr. Hodgson added.

JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFF.  
Judgment for plaintiff was given for the claim and costs.

Mr. Russ, in his opening, submitted that no business had been carried on by the Association, that "all had become dissatisfied," then had come the "mysterious robbery," and finally the circular letter of July 11.

Wong Fai, whose age is 25, then went into the box. In response to an advertisement in the "Wah Tsz Yat Po," he had put up \$500 cash security and was to be paid \$50 per month.

"When I arrived there were about thirty shroffs; then more came and, in the end, there were over forty; and there were not enough seats for the shroffs," he stated. Every day, each of the shroffs was sent out with one or two bills to collect upon.

By Mr. Russ: What was Mr. Haynes doing? Was most of his time spent in skandering people in his paper, the "Observer"?—Witness: That I do not know.

Continuing, witness said that he had not been paid his salary nor his deposit; he had applied with other shroffs for payment.

On Sunday, the furniture had been moved from the office, but there were a few desks left. The company had done no business since. The compromise order handed him was of no use as he had applied to the cashier for payment and the cashier had told him to wait a couple of days.

Replying to his Lordship, witness said that the cashier and everybody had gone on Monday; Haynes had

## WAR ON MANCHURIA AGAIN.

### THREAT IN NORTH.

NATIONALIST FORCES MOVING ON JEHOL.

THE RIVALS' POSITIONS.

Peking, Yesterday.  
Nationalist forces are, according to an unconfirmed report, marching eastward from the Peking and Tientsin areas to attack the defeated Northern forces resting near the boundary between China Proper and Manchuria.

The 16th and 17th Nationalist army corps are said to be about 20 miles north-west of Tongshan, having reached that point, in their advance, on July 17.

Latest reports portend an attack by the Kuomintang Nationalists (under the "Christian General") on Jehol, realisation of which will cause the Northerners to evacuate both Jehol and the Lan River zone.

### WHERE THEY ARE.

The present disposition of the former Northern allies is as follows:—  
The 3rd and 4th Manchurian army corps on the Lan River line and occupying the trench system, from 52,000 to 80,000 strong.

The Northerners of Chihli and Shantung, under General Chang Tsung-chang and Gen-

### OUR PICTURES.

In addition to the regular special features to-morrow's issue of the "China Mail" will contain a number of pictures of local interest in the specially-printed Pictorial Section. The illustrations include Mr. Jackson, who is going home to-morrow, after 25 years' service in the P.W.D., with Mrs. Jackson, groups of Quarry Bay School children upon the occasion of their "At Home," Mme. Baronelli, the well-known dancing mistress and physical culture exponent, in interesting poses, a picture of Mr. Ng Taling, the Colony's ping pong champion, surrounded by his trophies; and some views of the Diocesan Boys' School.

Messrs. Ming Yuen, Welcome Studio and Tanaka are among the photographers responsible for the pictures.

eral Sun Chuan-fang, in the Tongshan (Kailan Mining Administration) area, about 17,000 strong.

Chang's and Sun's headquarters at Shanhaikwan, the passage between China Proper and Manchuria.

Peking has now been evacuated by the Northerners.

At present, all is quiet in the mining zone.—British Naval Wireless.

### PEACE PROSPECTS.

Peking, Yesterday.  
The vernacular papers report that the Manchurian peace delegates here have reached an agreement in principle with the Nationalist delegates as the result of which General Chang Tsung-chang will issue a circular telegram within ten days announcing Manchuria's allegiance to the Nationalist Government, thus formally ending the state of war between the parties.—Reuter.

### ABOUT TREATIES.

Peking, Yesterday.  
The Italian Minister denies the reports that he is proceeding to Nanking shortly in order to negotiate a new treaty.—Reuter.

### JAPAN WAITING.

Shanghai, Yesterday.  
As regards the Sino-Japanese Treaty, the Japanese Consul-General, who has just returned from Nanking, says that no action has been taken, but a Note expressing the intentions of the Nationalist Government was expected to-day or to-morrow. Japanese action would depend on the contents, he stated.—Reuter.

### TSINAN INCIDENT.

Shanghai, Yesterday.  
The Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Yada, returned from Nanking this morning. In an interview he indicated that nothing definite had been decided in regard to the Tsinan settlement. He said that the second conference with Dr. C. T. Wang (Nationalist Foreign

## THE LATE CAPTAIN LOEWENSTEIN.

### THE BODY FOUND.

PICKED-UP BY FRENCH FISHING-BOAT.

IDENTIFIED.

Calais, Yesterday.  
A fishing boat has brought in Captain Loewenstein's body.

Later.  
The Boulogne fishing boat found the body almost stripped, clad only in silk pants, silk socks and wearing a wristwatch which enabled the authorities to identify Loewenstein without question.—Reuter.

### WHERE THE BODY WAS FOUND.

Boulogne, Yesterday.

Loewenstein's body was found floating in the sea 10 miles off Cap Grisnez.—Reuter.

## EGYPT'S CHAMBER.

DISSOLVED FOR THREE YEARS.

PRESS FREEDOM SUSPENDED.

Alexandria, Yesterday.  
A Royal Decree is being issued this evening dissolving the Chamber and Senate for three years, after which the Cabinet will decide as regards fresh elections.

The Government meanwhile will be conducted in accordance with Article 81 of the Constitution, which provides that the King can govern with the assistance of Ministers.

The article in the Constitution referring to the freedom of the Press will be suspended and also the article providing that the Government shall order elections within two months of a dissolution.

Parliamentary regime and ministerial responsibility will not be changed in any circumstance, but the electoral law and every article of the Constitution dealing with it will be revised in accordance with Article 48.

### The Royal Decree.

Cairo, Yesterday.  
Copies of the Royal decree dissolving the Senate Chamber were handed to the presidents of both houses this evening.

Meanwhile, a meeting of the Executive of the Wafd has decided to proceed to Tanta to hold a meeting despite the Government ban.

The Wafdist organ "El Balagh" states that the police dismantled a marquee intended for the meeting.—Reuter.

## ARMIS FOR SEZCHUAN.

Shanghai, Yesterday.  
The "Evening News" states that the Nationalist Government has ordered the release to the consignee of the cargo of munitions seized yesterday, which according to the Customs authorities arrived on the s.s. "Sophie Rickmers" on June 27 as manifest cargo.

The German Consul-General is investigating. The manager of the Rickmers Line, interviewed by the "Evening News," declined to make any comment on the subject.—Reuter.

A previous message read:—  
The "Evening News" states that General Chen Ta-chun (the local Nationalist garrison commander, formerly of Canton), has detained 671 cases of munitions at the Customs godown at Peking, 371 cases of which are automatic pistols and the remainder rifles, and three million rounds of ammunition, which arrived last week aboard the "Bertram Rickmers," consigned to General Liu Hsiang of Sezechuan province.

Note: the difference in the ship's name in the two cables.

### EX-PRESIDENT'S FUNERAL.

Tientsin, Yesterday.  
The funeral of ex-President Li Yuan-hung took place this morning. There was a noticeable absence of paper pagodas and effigies.

Large detachments of Chinese infantry, cavalry and police were included in the hour-long procession which traversed the Japanese, French, British and ex-German Concessions.

Foreigners evinced great interest in the funeral.—Reuter.

## THE BRITISH BETTING TAX.

### THE "TOTE" BILL.

A STATEMENT BY MR. CHURCHILL.

BUDGET FIGURES.

London, Yesterday.  
Considerable modification in the Betting Tax is expected to follow the House of Commons' third reading to-night of the Totalisator Bill.

Mr. Churchill yesterday, stated that if the Bill passed the Betting Tax would be reduced from 2 to 1 per cent. on the course and 3 1/2 to 2 per cent. elsewhere involving a surrender of 1 1/2 millions sterling this year compared with the Budget estimates. But clearly the estimates could not be realised at the present rates.—Reuter.

### ARCTIC SEARCH.

CONCENTRATING ON FINDING AMUNDSEN.

MUSSOLINI'S ORDER.

Moscow, Yesterday.

M. Kamenev, acting Chairman of the Soviet "Italia" Rescue Committee, has announced that the efforts of the Committee will now be concentrated on the discovery of Amundsen, who is probably with the Alessandrini party. This will mean the strengthening of equipment, for assistance from other countries is unlikely.

The ice pack is breaking up, and hence the aeroplane fitted with skis is useless. The Krassin, whose rudder is damaged, must also be repaired and this will take a few days. After this the expedition will start to search for Amundsen, whose rescue is most important both as man and scientist.

Rome, Yesterday.  
Signor Mussolini has ordered the survivors of the "Italia" to return to Italy immediately. Meanwhile they are to refrain from giving messages, statements or interviews.—Reuter.

### RUBBER TREES.

DETERMINING OF GOOD AND BAD YIELDERS.

"NOTHING NEW."

Singapore, Yesterday.  
The Rubber Research Institute of the F. M. S. has issued a communique stating that there is nothing new in Mr. Ashplant's discovery of a method of determining good and bad yielders among rubber trees at an early stage by means of the measurement of the latex tube.

The bore theory has already been fully investigated by research workers in the East Indies and the results do not support Mr. Ashplant's claim. On the contrary they tend definitely in the opposite direction.—Reuter.

### MILD REBUKE.

MAXTON, WHEATLEY AND LABOUR COLLEAGUES.

London, Yesterday.

A meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party has been specially summoned to consider the statements of Messrs. Maxton and Wheatley, reflecting on personalities and the policy of the party.

Mr. MacDonald presided over the proceedings, which were private, and after a lively three hours' meeting passed a resolution hoping that in future criticisms or differences would be submitted in the constitutional way through the machinery of the regular party meetings or the annual conference.

The comments of members afterwards indicated that the rebuke was meant as a mild rebuke to Messrs. Maxton and Wheatley.—Reuter.

Col. Duarte Velga, Director of Public Works, is temporarily in charge of the Macao Port Works Department pending instructions from Portugal.

Owing to the spreading of epidemic diseases, the public health authorities at Wuchow have prohibited the import and export of fruits to and from Wuchow.

## TILDEN & TENNIS SENSATION.

### NEWSPAPER WORK.

AMERICAN CRACK WITHDRAWN FROM DAVIS CUP FINAL.

PLAYER'S STATEMENT.

Paris, Yesterday.  
Owing to "the American Lawn Tennis Federation objecting to his commenting on lawn tennis in the Press, Tilden will not participate in the final round of the Davis Cup.

Later.

After the formal proceedings of the draw the representatives of the Davis Cup committee and Tilden both gave out statements.

That signed by the President of the American Lawn Tennis Association says the Amateur Rule Committee of the United States

having preferred charges against Tilden for violating the rule by writing current newspaper articles for pay or consideration, covering the Wimbledon tournament in which he was competitor and whereas it would be improper to retain as a member of the American team any player against whom such charges were pending, the American Association had decided to withdraw Tilden from the Davis Cup competition.

Tilden read a statement denying the charge of intent to violate the letter or spirit of the amateur rule and said the articles he wrote during the Wimbledon tournament were straight comment and by no means an attempt to report the tournament. He concluded by saying he offered his services to Mr. Wear and the practice team until the challenge round.—Reuter.

American Feeling.

New York, Yesterday.  
Consternation reigns throughout the country over Tilden's disqualification, which is the result of secret investigation by the Advisory Committee inspired by a telegram from Mr. Hardy, President of the Californian Association, stating "Bill tries to keep just within the law."

The Committee's action, which was unanimous, was based on articles commenting on the Wimbledon tournament.

The French Association has cabled to the United States asking them to reconsider their decision but in any case time does not allow the completion of the necessary formalities to enable Tilden to play with the remaining Davis Cup players.—Reuter's American Service.

Ruffled Feelings.

New York, Yesterday.  
It is learned from Paris that Tilden was instrumental in soothing the ruffled feelings of the American Davis Cup players who threatened to strike. Tilden said "Let's win back the Cup. He convinced Lott that he should play first and settle personal matters later."

### Consequences.

Paris, Yesterday.  
Far-reaching consequences of the action barring Tilden are already indicated in the resignation of Mr. Wear, chairman of the Davis Cup Committee, while Mr. Collum, President of the United States Association, has intimated he will have something to say after the conclusion of the Davis Cup contest.

Tilden was very affected and wept.—Reuter.

## ARRESTS IN SPAIN.

PURELY PREVENTIVE.

Paris, Yesterday.

According to the secretary of the Spanish League for the Rights of Man, arrests throughout Spain have totalled over a thousand, including Socialists, Republicans and Liberals. He denies that there was any plot and alleges that the arrests were purely a preventive measure.—Reuter.







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## NOTICES.

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MEMBERS are Notified that all Private Gear in Lockers and in the Clubhouse must be removed by the owners on or before SATURDAY, 21st July, 1928. W. PRYDE, Hon. Secretary. Hong Kong, 19th July, 1928.

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Hong Kong, 20th July, 1928.

## MAID'S DEATH.

ATTENDED BY PRINCESS.

FELL THROUGH SKYLIGHT.

London, June 16.

Dorothy Martin, a Scottish maid employed by Lady Evelyn Guinness, was killed by falling through a skylight while watching a dance party on the floor below at 10, Grosvenor-place, London, about midnight last night. Another maid, Elizabeth Tipping, who also fell, was seriously injured. Two guests on the floor narrowly escaped injury.

The house is one of the most beautiful in Mayfair. The ballroom, lighted by a wonderful chandelier, is in striking contrast to the dining-room, which has been furnished after the style of an old country farmhouse. The refectory tables and wide-backed chairs are of solid unpolished oak and the table decorations at dinner parties are often simple country flowers arranged in pewter mugs and vases.

The maids on their way upstairs to their rooms about midnight apparently tried to watch the dancing below by climbing on to a balcony to look down on to the skylight. They overbalanced, and clutching each other, fell on to the glass. This gave way, and they crashed through, falling 30 feet into a lobby. Miss Martin, who was 18, was killed instantly.

### The Injured Maid.

Miss Tipping, who is also 18, and whose home is at Bradley-road, Ramsgate, was treated by a doctor, who was among the guests, and was then taken to St. George's Hospital. Her condition is favourable. She is suffering from head injuries and a fractured wrist. The girls fell on to two guests, who escaped serious injury.

The guests included Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles and many other well-known people. Immediately the tragedy became known dancing was suspended and messengers were sent to St. George's Hospital, which is quite nearby, for assistance. Two doctors came almost at once, but they found that Miss Martin was dead, having fractured her skull.

### Distinguished Guests.

The dance was preceded by a dinner, at which the guests, in addition to Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles, included the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, the Duchess of Devonshire, the Duchess of Portland, the Duchess of Rutland, the Marquess and Marchioness of Titchfield, the Marquess and Marchioness of Curzon of Kedleston, the Marquess and Marchioness of Cholmondeley, the Marquess of Crewe, Earl and Countess of Spencer, the Earl and Countess of Shaftesbury, the Earl of Erne, Earl and Countess Beauchamp, the Earl and Countess of Lytton, Lady Hermione Lytton, the Earl of Rosse, Lord and Lady Oranmore and Browne, Lord Hugh Cecil, Lord Richard Cavendish and Miss Cavendish, Lady Anne Cavendish, Lord Ebury and the Hon. Elizabeth Grosvenor, Viscount Sudley, Viscount Carlisle, Lady Diana Bridgeman, Lady Katharine Hamilton, Lady Worsley, Captain and Lady Dorothy Macmillan, Lady Anne Wellesley, Captain and the Hon. Mrs. Piers Leigh, the Countess of Iveagh, Princess Obolensky, Sir Philip Sassoon, Sir Anthony Weldon, the Hon. David Bowes-Lyon, and the Hon. Imogen Grenfell.

About an hour after the accident Frank Crush, a night watchman, slipped down the stairs at 10 Grosvenor-place and fractured his ankle. He was taken to St. George's Hospital and detained. His condition was later stated to be comfortable.

## QUEER FATALITY.

TERRITORIAL COLONEL'S STRANGE DEATH.

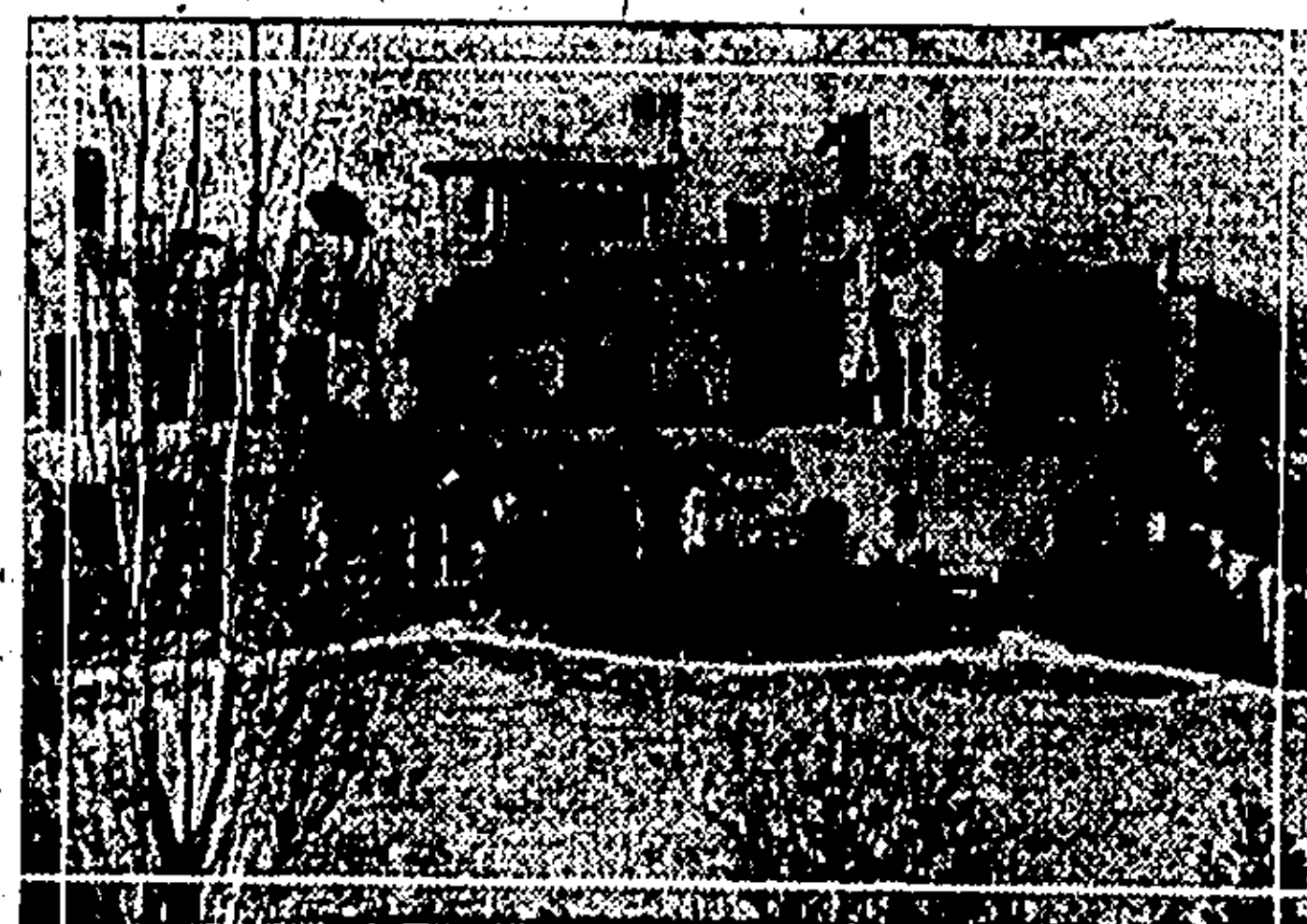
"FLYING SOMERSAULT."

Lieut.-Col. F. W. Baker Young, of Esplanade, Waterloo; Liverpool, a territorial officer in the R.A.M.C., met with a tragic death at a hotel in Preston.

He was with four or five other officers and just before retiring, Lieut.-Colonel Hugh Kennedy, of University, offered to give any body a flying somersault. Captain R. Evans successfully went through the performance, and placed his hands between his legs, and Colonel Kennedy, seizing his wrists, lifted him about four feet in the air. He then lost his grip and Colonel Baker Young fell. His head struck the floor and he immediately became unconscious and died either from a fractured skull or a broken neck.

At the inquest Colonel Kennedy said he thought Colonel Baker Young's wrists were damp, or he had his hands crossed, as witness could not hold him.

A verdict of accidental death was recorded.



Stanford University, Cal.—The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hoover. This unusual architecture—a house built of three terraces and an outdoor fireplace on the first terrace—was designed by Mrs. Hoover. The Hoover home was built in 1921. It commands a view of the Campanile at the University of California across San Francisco Bay.

## PRINCE GEORGE.

APPOINTMENT OF A COMPTROLLER.

The announcement is made in the "London Gazette" that Prince George has appointed Major James Ullick Francis Canning Alexander, M.V.O., O.B.E., to be Comptroller to his Royal Highness.

This is a new office, as Prince George has not hitherto had a comptroller at his service. Major Ullick Alexander, who was received by the King on his appointment, is the elder son of the late Mr. James D. Alexander and of Lady Emily Alexander, and a nephew of Lord Cork.

He was born in 1889, and is a major in the Coldstream Guards, Reserve of Officers. He was for a time secretary to Lord Athlone, Governor-General of South Africa. The Prince of Wales and the Duke of York, the King's elder sons, who have households of their own, have their comptrollers, but the Duke of Gloucester, the King's third son, has no separate household and no comptroller. Prince George, who is a Lieutenant in the Navy, when in London occupies rooms at Buckingham Palace.

## IN MEXICO.

POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT OF CATHOLIC'S DISPUTE.

New York.—Rumours are persistent, but lack official confirmation, that the religious issue between the Roman Catholic Church in Mexico and the Mexican Government will soon be settled.

Attention was first drawn here to the renewal of negotiations when Archbishop Ruiz Y. Flores, who was expelled from Mexico in 1927, stated in Paris recently that he was on his way to Rome, where he would seek the Pope's intervention.

It was reported that the Archbishop had said that President Calles saw need for reconciliation, and that General Obregon, the Presidential candidate, favoured a truce with the Church. It is also stated that Mr. Dwight Morrow, the United States Ambassador in Mexico, has in an unofficial capacity interested himself in a solution of the problem.

President Calles, it is reported from Mexico City, does not wish to withdraw from his original position that there is nothing in the present law to prohibit Catholics from worshipping. In their own way provided they do not interfere with the government of the country.

Close observers of the situation in Washington admit that negotiations have been in progress, but foresee no immediate settlement.

## FROM PITCAIRN.

ISLANDER'S VIEWS ON LONDON GIRLS.

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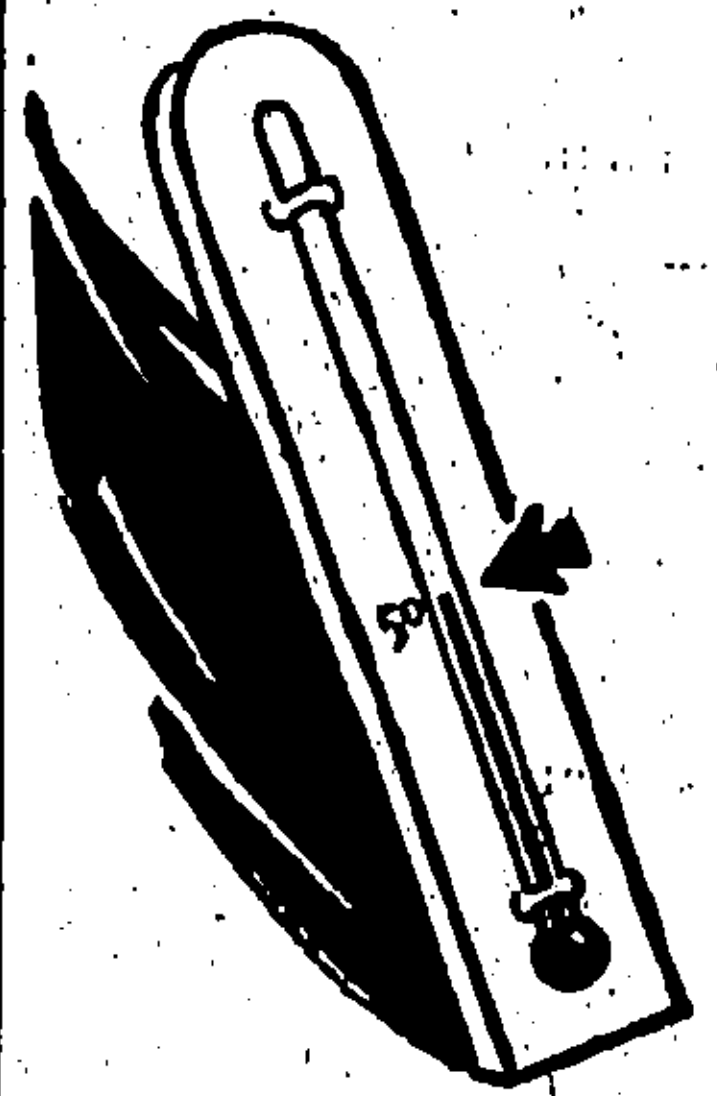
Of all the visitors now thronging London few are so thrilled and awed by its sights as a man who has just arrived from what is perhaps the Empire's loneliest outpost—Pitcairn Island, in the South Pacific.

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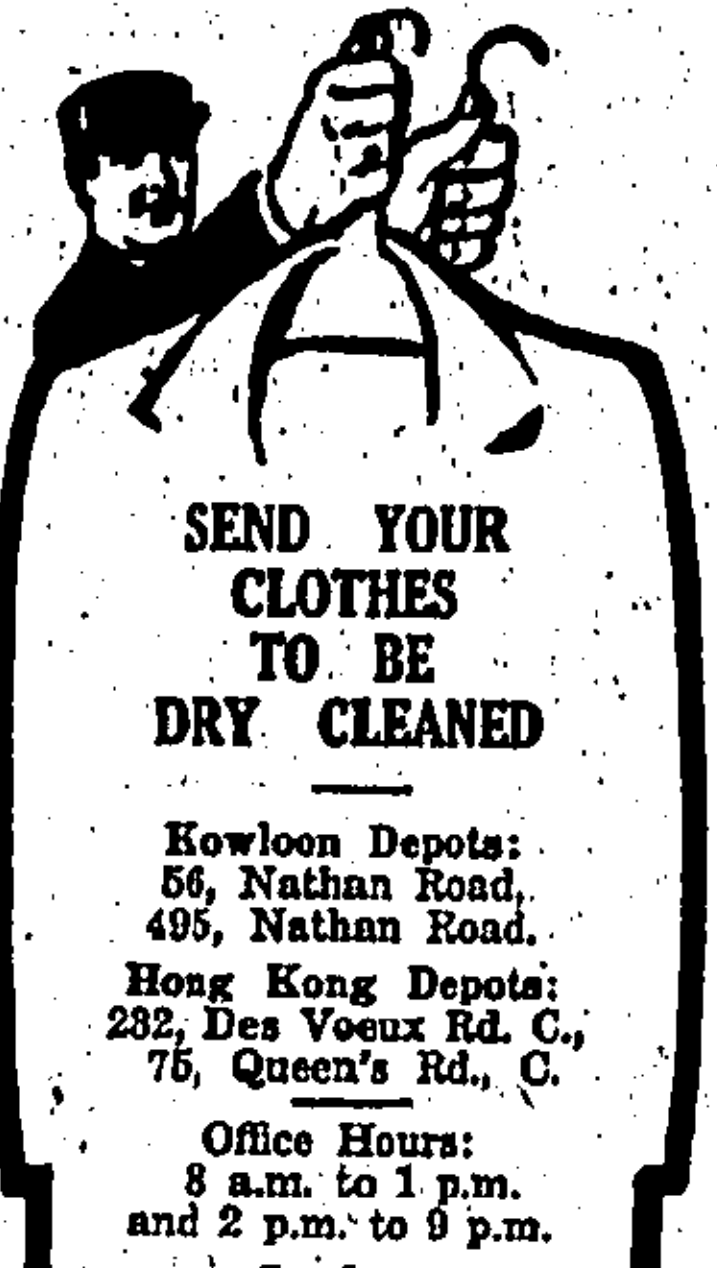
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HONOLULU MARU ... Friday, 3rd August.  
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CALCUTTA—via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.  
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Oslo.—The Storting unanimously adopted the report of the Foreign Affairs Committee on the case of M. Hannevig, the Norwegian shipowner, who some time ago unsuccessfully brought an action for 62,000,000 dols. damages against the United States Shipping Board for having requisitioned a number of ships during the war. The report observes that nothing more can be done in the matter, but that if the opportunity arises, the Government should try to obtain a settlement by which M. Hannevig may receive some compensation as a matter of equity.—Router.

#### LEITH DOCK BUDGET.

A report regarding the year's working of the Leith Docks Undertaking, presented at a meeting of May 15 last amounted to £294,868 an increase over the previous year of £28,301, and the ordinary expenditure was £205,910, an increase of £14,732. The net surplus, after payment of ordinary expenditure, sinking fund and interest on loan expenses amounted to £23,655, an increase of £10,094.

Mr. Thomas A. Wright, convenor of the Finance Committee, said that the financial position of the Leith Docks Undertaking continued to be maintained at a high level. The surplus of revenue over expenditure was the highest figure they had reached since the outbreak of the war, and compared satisfactorily with the surplus of 1913. The tonnage of vessels arriving showed an increase over that of the previous year, but a decrease from former years, and compared with 1913, a decrease of approximately 440,000 tons. The tonnage of imports and exports of goods likewise showed a decrease. Approximately the total was 3,250,000 tons compared with 1913. Coal accounted for 508,000 tons of this decrease compared with 1913. The import of grain showed some improvement, but along with flour was still 180,000 tons behind the pre-war figure.

Referring to Sir Alan Cobham's recent visit, Mr. Wright mentioned that their experience showed that the Leith docks area was suitable for the landing of seaplanes. They might be called upon at no distant date to supply a regular landing-place for that type of craft.

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### VOLGA AND DON.

LINKING UP THE TWO RIVERS.

#### MANY CHANGES.

In the many changes which have come over Russia in recent years, one is apt to lose sight of the scale of her activities. In 1912 the Volga fleet consisted of 3,300 steamers and 6,998 other vessels, and the tonnage of this fleet was 8,500,000 tons. In 1913, 25,000,000 tons of goods were transported by the Volga, while in the same year all the railways of Russia carried not more than 130,000,000 tons.

According to the "Bank for Russian Trade Review," the Soviet Union has now in hand plans for linking up the Volga and the Don. A study of the map will convey some impression of the great area covered by the basin of the Volga, the principal river in the European territory of the Soviet Union, which has its mouth in the Caspian Sea, and is thus in direct communication with such important ports as Baku. In conjunction with the river Kama, it flows through the richest districts in the Union, and also constitutes an excellent connecting link in the transport of raw material, such as grain, hides and skins, &c., from Siberia, while the river Oka, the Moscow river and the Klyazma, connect with the central industrial area.

At certain points on its course, the Volga is in comparative proximity to other important natural waterways of the Union, tapping further districts, and flowing into other seas. The most important of these points occurs in the neighborhood of Stalingrad, a town situated on the banks of the Volga, approximately 250 miles from its mouth. Here the river Don, which flows into the Black Sea, is only 35 miles away. The question of the construction of a canal, joining the two rivers at this point, was first raised as long ago as 1558, but owing principally to the lack of funds and insufficient technical knowledge, the scheme has never taken concrete shape until the present time. The original intention was to construct a canal sufficient to deal with only the smaller type of craft, but the present scheme, now favoured by the Soviet, is much more ambitious, and embodies the digging of a canal of approximately 65 miles in length. The connections would be near Stalingrad, on the Volga, and Kalach, on the Don. The construction of locks on the Don over a distance of about 325 miles would enable large steamers from the Volga to reach the Black Sea, via the port of Rostov-on-Don, which is to be deepened, while a second canal would have to be dug between Rostov and Taganrog.

#### Direct Export.

Among the great benefits accruing from such an improvement, would be those arising from the fact that the rich districts served by the Volga and Kama rivers would be able to export direct to the Mediterranean. The estimated cost of the project, as quoted by the "Bank for Russian Trade Review," is between 180,000,000 and 150,000,000 roubles, which, taking the rate of exchange as 9.46, amounts to between 18.74 and 15.32 million pounds; in addition to which, approximately 5,000,000 roubles, or £500,000, would be required annually for the general maintenance. It is expected, however, that on account of the economies effected in the transport of coal from the Donetz basin into the Volga area, and the export of such raw materials as grain and timber, &c., and of oil from Baku, the amount saved on the railways would, in the course of about 10 years, repay the expenditure in connection with the construction and maintenance of the canal.—"Engineering."

### FOREIGN ELEMENT.

IN BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE.

In the House of Commons Sir Harry Britain asked the President of the Board of Trade if he would state what was approximately the number of men employed by the British Mercantile Marine, and of the total; what was the approximate number of foreigners serving. Mr. Herbert G. Williams.—The total number of seamen employed on March 31, 1927, in seagoing vessels (except yachts and fishing vessels) registered in the United Kingdom under Part I of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, was 200,628, of whom 50,062 were seamen; of the remainder 182,384 were British and 16,079 were of foreign nationality. Later information as to the total number employed and fuller particulars of nationalities of the seamen are not available.

### FRENCH REPAIRS.

IMPROVED DRYDOCKING FACILITIES.

#### PORT PROGRESS.

At a time when the question of the quick execution of repair works on vessels has taken a turn of ever-growing interest and importance owing to the general increase in running expenses of all kinds, the recent order placed with Messrs. Wilton's Slipway and Engineering Co., Rotterdam, by the Cie Sud-Atlantique for the carrying out of extensive repairs to the hull of their liner "Lutetia" could not fail to arouse much stir among shipping and shipbuilding circles on this side. After inviting tenders for the repairs from several big firms, the owners finally placed the order with the Dutch firm, who did the work within nine days, to the entire satisfaction of the Cie Sud-Atlantique.

This order following on the extensive hull repairs to the C.G.T.'s liner "Paris" at the same yard again calls attention to the necessary increase and improvement of shiprepairing facilities in France, and it is interesting to observe the steps that are to be taken in that direction.

Considerable progress has been made and is about to be made so far as dry-docking facilities are concerned by the construction of new graving docks and the purchase of new floating docks. French ports have now at their disposal an efficient equipment, which enables French shipowners to have all their vessels dry-docked in their own country; it is no longer compulsory, for instance, for the C.G.T. to send their liners "Paris" and "France" to be dry-docked at Cherbourg or at a foreign port; since the new Havre graving dock, 1,049 ft. long, capable of accommodating the largest French vessel afloat, "Ile-de-France," has now been in operation for some months.

#### Progress at Bordeaux.

A similar remark applies to Bordeaux, where there is now in service a 25,000-ton floating dock, capable of accommodating the liners to be built to the order of the Cie Sud-Atlantique for the South America route. A second floating dock, with a lifting power of 12,000 tons, is to be delivered shortly at Bordeaux, and it planned to add to these two floating docks a third 8,000-ton unit for the Breton Naval Dockyard. It is thus evident that Bordeaux will henceforth offer first-class facilities so far as dry-docking is concerned. These notable developments are not only of interest to the French companies whose liners have their terminal at that port and to the firms operating tankers on regular services between Bordeaux and America, but also to foreign shipowners whose vessels trade in the vicinity. Near these new floating docks, which are to be operated at Pauillac, at about half distance between Bordeaux and the Atlantic Ocean, on the Gironde, a most efficient and modern repair plant is to be established by a group of local shipbuilding and repairing firms.

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KALIFORE	9,144	3rd Aug.	Shai, Meji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	8,856	7th Aug.	Meji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
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A SUGGESTION TO MARINE  
ENGINEERING FIRMS.

In a recent reference to the  
trade outlook in the Harlepool, Major W. Guy Ropner, a director  
of Sir R. Ropner and Co., Ltd., re-  
ferred to the possibilities of pul-  
verised fuel in steamship bunker-  
ing, and observed that the Harle-  
pool possessed unique advantages  
in the proximity of first-class  
modern collieries.

Elaborating the matter in the  
course of an interview, Major  
Ropner said he was convinced that  
there were great possibilities in  
the use of pulverised fuel for  
marine purposes, and when devel-  
oped it should result in consider-  
able economies owing to the great-  
er efficiency secured by this  
method of combustion. For many  
years pulverised coal has been  
utilised under boilers on land, and  
great success had attended its em-  
ployment. Burners suitable for  
marine work and satisfactory con-  
sumption boxes were required. It  
also needed a pulverising plant oc-  
cupying a small space which could  
be installed on ships. This was  
necessary owing to the highly in-  
flammable nature of pulverised coal  
and the impracticability, at pre-  
sent, of pulverising it ashore and  
loading it as bunkers.

Major Ropner suggested that  
marine engineering firms, who were  
experiencing slack times just now  
and for whom the outlook was not  
good, might devote themselves to  
the solving of these problems in  
connection with pulverised fuel. It  
was possible with pulverised coal  
to secure about 90 per cent. com-  
bustion as against 40 to 50 per  
cent. with raw coal burnt in the  
furnaces.

If pulverised fuel were widely  
adopted for marine purposes many  
of the older and smaller pits would  
benefit. They would be enabled to  
reopen, because low grade and,  
therefore, cheaper coals could be  
used in the furnaces. The ship-  
owner would also benefit because  
fewer firemen would be required to  
keep the furnaces free from ash,  
and a steadier head of steam could  
be secured with less effort.

"We are taking a tremendous  
interest in its possibilities, and I  
think there is a great future for  
it," concluded Major Ropner.

## PASSENGER LIST.

## ARRIVALS.

Passengers arrived on July 19 by  
the S.S. "Mishima Maru" from Aus-  
tralia and Manila were:-

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Mak Si Hong, Master P. Alonaz,  
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Miss E. V. Dixon, Mr. D. Geo.  
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T'au via S'ow & S'hai	HANGSANG	Wed., 1st Aug. at Noon
Osaka via Amoy, Moji &	NAMSANG	Fri., 3rd Aug. at 7 a.m.
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the inquiry concerning the circum-  
stances attending a collision be-  
tween the motorship "Alcinous"  
and the British steamer "Ning-  
chow" in the river Clyde, finding  
the accident to have been caused  
by a wrong manoeuvre of the "Al-  
cinous" due to misunderstanding  
between the master and the quar-  
termaster at the wheel, when the  
former gave the order "starboard,  
hard over," intending the ship's  
head to go to port, which was exe-  
cuted by the quartermaster in the  
direct meaning, causing the ship's  
head to be forced to starboard.  
The master made a mistake, as in  
a ship of Dutch registry helm  
orders should be used in their  
direct meaning, and the order  
should, therefore, have been "port,  
hard over," but it might very well  
have been possible that in such  
case the quartermaster would have  
made an identical mistake, as he  
had previously been carrying out  
helm orders given by the British  
pilot, who had just left the vessel.

The only recommendation which  
the Court could make was that  
helm orders should in all cases be  
accompanied by hand signals and  
that the officer should be extreme-  
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tion in which Messrs. Chas. Jones  
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er "Elma," of Bergen, Norway, the  
owners of which were sued. It  
was alleged that the cargo of  
221,242 pieces of whitewood timber  
consigned from Danzig to Rhyl was  
short on delivery of 1,182 pieces.

Evidence was given as to the  
tallying of the cargo, which show-  
ed a marked discrepancy, and in  
giving judgment the presiding  
judge said the plaintiffs had fail-  
ed to establish the fact that there  
was a shortage, and therefore gave  
judgment for the defendant own-  
ers with costs. A counterclaim by  
the plaintiffs on a subsidiary mat-  
ter resulted in judgment for them  
with costs.

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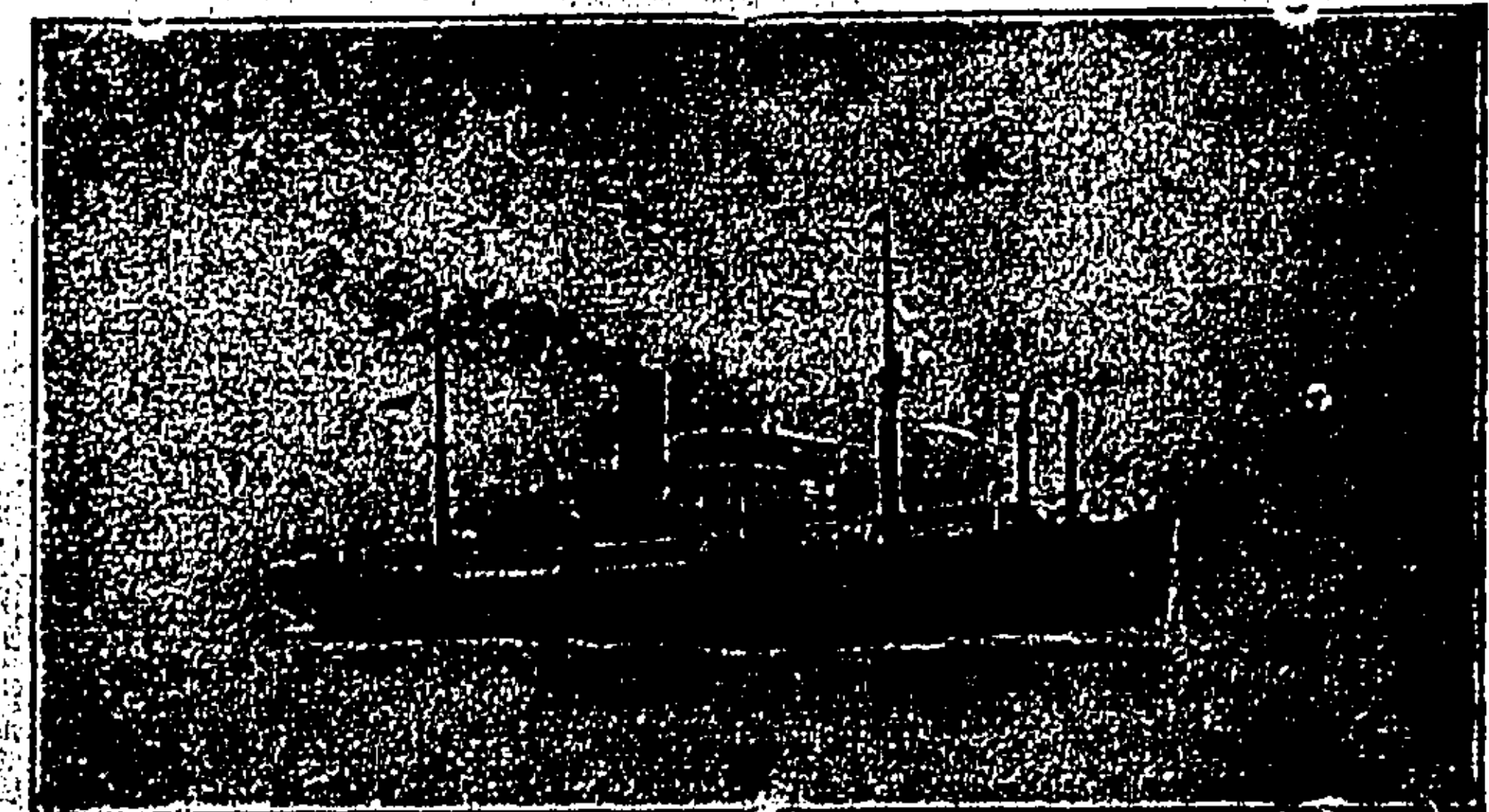
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### OUR REPLY.

As there are a certain number of residents in this Colony who do not read the "Hong Kong Telegraph" we are compelled to publish in extenso the following editorial article which appeared in its columns yesterday under the caption "An Unwarranted Attack." At this stage—we have much more to say lower down—it is as well to emphasise that the only thing that is honest, fair and unglorified about the article is the heading. Local journalism—or any other kind of journalism—would be hard put to find a more unwarranted attack by one presumably respectable paper upon a contemporary. Here is the article from the "Hong Kong Telegraph":

**AN UNWARRANTED ATTACK.**—It has never been the policy of the "Telegraph" to indulge in detraction of a contemporary. On the contrary, we think we can justly claim to have studiously avoided, as a point of principle, any hint of such a practice, and that, with us, the spirit of rivalry has been confined to the dissemination of news. As a newspaper, however, we have a sense of duty to the public, and we cannot, must not, allow to pass unchallenged a totally unwarranted and gratuitous imputation by the "China Mail" in an editorial comment yesterday, against the locally-engaged staff of the Government Service. The "China Mail" has the temerity to ask: "How many of the locally-engaged labourers are worthy of their hire?" and referring to the posts filled by men engaged locally, say us, "Of course, in any sphere of activity they are seldom filled satisfactorily." We can only express our surprise and indignation that such an unwarranted attack on a thoroughly hard-working body of men should be allowed to appear in the columns of a local paper. The whole article is undoubtedly based on an absolute fallacy, but nevertheless, it is a fallacy which must be quickly and emphatically repudiated. Does the "China Mail" realise it is casting a slur on men, who, in many cases, have devoted their whole lives to the Government Service? Is it necessary to point out that the locally-engaged staff have built up the solid foundation on which the Government of the Colony rests, that they are the permanent structure of the various Departments, which alone can guarantee smooth working?

Does anyone imagine that our Cadets, who sit from post to post, from department to department, could carry on without their "permanent under-secretaries" as we might call them? These are the men the "China Mail" dares to suggest are not worthy of their hire. We would recall that a gentleman in the Post Office was recently awarded the I.S.O. Need we ask if men of his type are performing their duties satisfactorily? Our efficient Post Office is almost entirely run by local servants locally engaged, and we are sure that the Postmaster General would be the first to admit it. The Harbour Office has many locally-engaged men, to every "Sterling-paid" official, the Public Works Department has draughtsmen and clerks, all of whom are embraced by the "China Mail's" sweeping denunciation. The Police Court interpreters and Magistrates' clerks, the large staff of clerks and minor officials at the Supreme Court, in fact in any Government Department in which one cares to enquire, the same set of circumstances prevail.

These are the men who do the spadework, these whom the "China Mail" suggests are not worthy of their hire. The whole thing is preposterous, and the pity of it is that they are not in a position to defend themselves against the entirely unjust imputations, which also explain why we feel so strongly in the matter. We realise, of course, that no-one with any real conception of the subjects will pay serious attention to the views expressed, which are so violent and wholly false. In fact, the kindest interpretation we can place on the comment in question is that the responsibility of the men, whose cause was so ably advocated by Mr. Braga.

Now we come to the alleged "totally unwarranted and gratuitous imputation," contained in a leaderette in the "China Mail" of Wednesday, July 18. This is the article that has aroused the indignation of our colleagues down the street, the article that has made them "feel so strongly" that they "cannot, must not, allow to pass unchallenged" that aforesaid imputation:

**THE LOCALLY-ENGAGED.**—What we cordially agree with some of the comments expressed by Mr. J. P. Braga in his letter to the Press upon the subject of the increased salaries to be enjoyed by Home-recruited members of the local Government service, we very much fear the worthy gentleman is knocking his head against a brick wall. If, he asks, the Unofficial members of Council, have thought fit to recommend an increase of salaries to the above-defined employees, why have they not pleaded for the locally-engaged men? In the first place, we do not suppose the Unofficial members of the latter, simply because Government has not advanced such claims, and it is most unlikely that, in Hong Kong, an Unofficial member would go out of his way to suggest the emendation of the new rules. In the second place, there is the law of supply and demand to be taken into account. The jobs held by the local men are, in the majority of cases, the inferior jobs, and there is hence the difficulty we understand, in filling them. Of course, in any sphere of activity they are seldom filled satisfactorily, which is another argument advanced by Mr. Braga touches the root of the matter; we think, when he alludes to the principle of the labourer being worthy of his hire. How many of the locally-engaged labourers are worthy of their hire? Some, without a doubt, but not sufficient to justify the consideration of an increase of pay throughout Government service.

into detailed explanation of every point that arises in the course of an article we feel called upon, unfortunately, in view of the "Hong Kong Telegraph's" wilful distortion and sentence-picking tactics, to treat our leaderette, "The Locally-Engaged," to a thorough examination. First of all we will take our readers to the very opening of the matter. At the beginning of the week, it will be remembered, the Government announced certain proposals for increasing the salaries of Home-recruited members of the local civil service. Along came Mr. J. P. Braga with a letter to the Press asking, in short, why the Unofficial members of the Council had not in all equity, pleaded for men of and engaged in the Colony whom the writer alleged to possess good and special claims to considerate treatment on the grounds of the high cost of living.

Coming, now, to our leaderette, we suggested in the first sentence that Mr. Braga was knocking his head against a brick wall. The second sentence puts forth his demand, in the form of a query. The third and fourth sentences explain to Mr. Braga—and anyone else interested—why, in our view, the Unofficial members did not champion the claims of the locally-engaged. The fifth sentence is a statement of fact which even the "Hong Kong Telegraph" does not attempt to deny or twist. Here we say: "The jobs held by the local men are, in the majority of cases, the inferior jobs, and there is never any difficulty, we understand, in filling them."

The next sentence, the sixth, is the first to which the "Hong Kong Telegraph" takes hypocritical exception though, for the purpose of attempting to make out a case, a later one is selected upon which to hang our contemporary's ill-mannered and untruthful attack. In this sixth sentence we say: "Of course, in any sphere of activity, they [the inferior jobs allocated to the locally-engaged] are seldom filled satisfactorily."

This, too, is a truism. For every efficient locally-engaged clerical assistant—or any other kind of assistant—produced by our friends down the street we guarantee to produce at least a dozen inefficient. Any employer of local labour is fully cognisant of the difficulties attending the collection and retention of a capable staff. This consideration, we submitted, is one which should naturally militate against "a wholesale addition to the salaries of the locally-engaged civil servant." By what manner or means, we would ask, could this sentence be construed as an "unwarranted attack on a thoroughly hard-working body of men"? Our point is that it would be sheer folly automatically to increase the salaries of the locally-engaged simply because the Home-engaged are to receive additions. Imagine for a moment how nonsensical would be a plan by which the emoluments of every head clerk and every coolie, every locally-engaged draughtsman and every road mender, every P.W.D. foreman and every office boy, in government service, would increase by an extra six to twelve per cent.

The seventh sentence merely leads up to the eighth, which asks: "How many of the locally-engaged labourers are worthy of their hire?" This question also surprises, and arouses the indignation of the "Hong Kong Telegraph." This question, indeed, is the one against which they throw their heaviest artillery—such as it is. This question, apparently, contains the "totally unwarranted and gratuitous imputation." But unfortunately, they have not the honesty to quote the answer which we ourselves supply. This is contained in the next and last sentence: "Some, without a doubt, but not sufficient to justify the consideration of an increase of pay throughout Government service."

As we have suggested, it is rather a pity that we have had to take our readers through that leaderette sentence by sentence simply because the "Hong Kong Telegraph" deliberately goes out of its way to misrepresent what is therein written. A perusal of the above, however, will bring home to all the barefaced attempt made by our contemporary to mislead the public. If, as the "Hong Kong Telegraph" asserts, it has never been their policy to indulge in detraction of a contemporary, they have surely commenced in real earnest in the article aptly headed "An Unwarranted Attack." Maybe, however, the meaning of the verb "to detract" is not understood or appreciated in our contemporary's office? It must be obvious that if any conscientious objection was taken to our leaderette the "Hong Kong Telegraph" could have stated those objections in a dozen lines. Instead of which the paper chose to drag the name of this journal through a full column of space, accompanying it with claptrap about "permanent under-secretaries" and other phrases likely to attract the sympathy—and the ten cents—of the forty-dollar-a-month clerk. As a "catch-penny" stunt this deliberate effort to discredit a rival may avail the "Hong Kong Telegraph" something; as an effort in journalism, as an illustration of the fair presentation of views, and as anything decent it must wholly disappoint all who read it.

As for ourselves, we would state in conclusion, we are not surprised at the outburst. And whatever indignation we feel is tempered by a fuller knowledge, recently-acquired, of those whose attempt to traduce the "China Mail" has now, we trust, been completely nullified. In saying this, we have written our last word on the matter.

A Chinese named Fung Fat, aged 33, believed to be insane, was found wandering in Main-street, Aberdeen, and was taken by the police to the Government Civil Hospital.

A travelling clock in a brown leather case, valued at \$80, and a gold watch, worth \$30, are reported to have been stolen from Glenale Hotel.

A sunshade, which had been left in a chair by a European lady, at the Lower Peak Tram Station, was taken by a chair cooler to the Central Police Station yesterday afternoon.

On a written request from Mr. C. A. S. Russ, the case in which Mr. Ho Ping-yin, of No. 320, Kowloon Tong, was summoned for tampering with the filtered-water mains of Kowloon Tong, has been adjourned for one week.

A handbag containing a gold ring, set with jade, worth \$40, and \$70.60 in money, are reported to have been stolen from No. 167, Wongsichong-road between midnight, Wednesday, and eight o'clock yesterday morning.

A Chinese soothsayer was brought before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, for defrauding two women of \$171 and \$90, respectively. One of the complainants was defendant's amah, whose husband had been abroad 18 years ago. The defendant extorted money from her to purchase the necessary pass paper "in order to procure her husband's return to China." The case was adjourned.

Letters of administration (with will annexed) to the estate of Mr. Leung Ngo-cho, who died at No. 31, Caine-road, Hong Kong, on Aug. 4, 1927, have been granted to his widow, Leung Chan Shi, of No. 4, Mercer-street. The estate is valued at \$27,400. The will made deceased's brother, Mr. Leung Yau-chuk trustee, but the latter died first. The will lays down that the estate shall be administered for the benefit of his son.

Before breaking up for the summer vacation, the Pooi Sun English School in Leichok-road, will hold a celebration this afternoon at three o'clock at the Mongkok Theatre. There will be a Highland Fling and Sword dance by Corporal Young and Piper Taylor, of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers and, by kind permission of Lt-Col. L. J. Connor, C.M.G., these performers will also entertain the guests with selections on the pipes.

### P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

"Dye see that fellow over there? He's got population of the heart." "You mean palpitation of the heart, don't you?" "I said population. He's a Mormon."

Mrs. A.: "So you are now living at an hotel?"

Mrs. B.: "Yes. The cook got so haughty and domineering that we decided to simply walk out of the house and show her that we can be just as independent as anybody."

It was on the morning of "Flag-day" when Sandy was seen scanning the ground as he walked. On being asked if he'd lost something he replied: "Nay, nay, thank the guid God, I've no lost anything, but I've no found a flag yet, and, man Tammas, it's deefcult to gang past a they Bonnes flag-sellers wi' no a bit flag i' your breast."

Somewhere in Yorkshire Pat had been promoted to the rank of assistant foreman. He was told to get a 2ft. ruler. To the nearest town travelled Pat in order to purchase the necessary instrument used for measuring purposes. Putting the ruler into the long side pocket of his overalls, he left the shop with a "swanky" gait. Half way down the street he felt in his pocket for the ruler. Finding a difficulty in getting it out easily he returned to the shop he had just left. Addressing the shopkeeper he inquired anxiously: "Be jabbers, now! cud ye not let me have another ruler two inches longer than this wan, so that it'll fit m' pocket exactly?"

"I was quite upset when Jack kissed me." "Come off! You've been kissed before." "Yes, but not in a canoe."

Flanée: "Robert, mother asked me to object to the use of the word 'obey' in the ceremony."

He: "And what did you tell her?" Flanée: "I said I'd let it stand. I told her you could, take a joke as well as any man."

Indignant Wife: Just like you and your lack of intelligence! Just because you feel too warm, you would go and choose to take off your overcoat outside the door of a pawn broker's shop, when every one is looking!

Briggs was exceedingly proud of his new son and heir, and was never happier than when showing him off to his friends.

"Well, Noggs," he said to one of his pals one day, "what do you think of my son, eh? Strapping lad, isn't he?"

"Er—yes," said Noggs. "Think he looks like me?" went on Briggs.

"H'm—well—er—ha—well, old chap—I—to tell you the truth, I'm afraid he does."

Aunt Jane is a dear old soul, but doesn't understand a thing about golf. "Did you have a good game?" she asked her nephew. "No," was the reply. "The seventh tee was sloppy, and all the greens were in a terrible state." Aunt Jane shuddered: "You mustn't lunch there any more, Gilbert. I can understand how enjoyable a cup of tea and a sandwich must be after a game, but seven cups of tea and greens—!"

The church service was over, the congregation filed slowly out, and gathered in little chattering groups in the churchyard.

Presently the vicar came up, and joined a select little party. He introduced a leading sea captain to the leading light of the village, a wealthy Mr. Howe. "You have seen each other in church to-day," said the beaming vicar.

"Sure," said the old sailor. "He was sleeping in the next bunk to me."

### "HOTEL IMPERIAL."

POLA NEGRI AT QUEEN'S THEATRE.

The fact that Pola Negri is starring is sufficient guarantee that "Hotel Imperial," the film now showing at the Queen's Theatre, is well-acted. Opposite her is James Hall, as an Austrian military officer, and another strong supporter is George Slegmann, as a particularly heavily Russian general. The story has to do with the clashes between Austria and Russia in the early days of the Great War; and tells of the capture of an Austrian township in which the Austrian officer is sheltered in the "Hotel Imperial," thanks to the patriotism which latterly turns to love of a servant girl, Anna, which is Pola's part. Well photographed and well acted, the film is all the more interesting in parts, and is preceded by a clever, lively cartoon and a "funny" musical.



**SERIOUS CHARGE.****ALLEGED FRAUD OF SON  
ON FATHER.****FURTHER PROCEEDINGS.**

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. R. E. Lindsell heard further evidence in the case in which Fok Chung-yuen is charged with alleged fraud on his father, Fok Kam-chuen, and the Bank of Canton.

The first witness called at the afternoon's resumption of the case was Mr. Horace Lo, solicitor, of the law firm of Messrs. Lo and Lo. He produced a mortgage deed dated March 22, 1927 by Fok Kam-chuen to Li Chih-chuen. The witness attested to the signature of Fok Kam-chuen who was not personally known to him at the time. Fok Kam-chuen was identified to the witness by Wong Kin-wo, an interpreter in the law firm of Messrs. Hastings, Denny and Bowley.

Mr. M. W. Lo, another member of Messrs. Lo and Lo, solicitors, identified a mortgage deed dated June 20, 1928 by Fok Kam-chuen to Chan Leung-shi and others. The witness stated that two signatures of Fok Kam-chuen on the deed were made in his presence. Fok Kam-chuen was known to him personally. Another mortgage deed was also produced by this witness. It was by Fok Kam-chuen to Kwun Tsao-tan. The signature of Fok Kam-chuen was made in the witness' presence.

**EX-MANAGER'S EVIDENCE.**

Evidence of identification of Fok Chung-yuen (prisoner) and his brother, Fok Tat-fui, was given by Lai Im-to, managing partner of the Oriental Commercial Co., who said that he was at one time Export Manager of Fook Lee and Co., York-building. He knew the prisoner, Fok Chung-yuen.

As far as witness knew, the prisoner and Fok Tat-fui were both sons of Fok Kam-chuen. As far as the witness could remember, both Fok Chung-yuen and Fok Tat-fui signed as managing partners of Fook Lee and Co. Subsequently they became directors of Thomas W. Simmons and Co., Ltd. Witness was associated with the two Foks in business from 1919 to 1923.

On April 14, 1921 a deed of trust on 63 shares held by Fook Lee and Co., Ltd., was executed whereby the witness became trustee of the shares for Fook Lee and Co.

The witness further stated that he was familiar with the signatures of both Fok Chung-yuen and Fok Tat-fui, and, shown, the file of Thomas W. Simmons and Co., Ltd., he said that the signatures at the end of the first attestation clause were those of the two Foks. Witness also identified signatures on a batch of letters and four cheques as those of the two men.

Examining another document, the witness said, with regard to the signatures of the two Foks, that there was a departure from the usual formation of the character 'Fok' in the signature of Fok Tat-fui. As regards the signature of Fok Chung-yuen, witness said that the character 'Yuen' appeared to have been altered.

**BANK SECRETARY'S EVIDENCE.**

Another important witness was Mr. Un Hew-fan, Secretary of the Bank of Canton, who said that he was familiar with the signature of Fok Chung-yuen and identified it on several documents produced by Mr. Jenkin.

Witness produced a deed of mortgage dated May 21, 1921, from Thomas W. Simmons and Company, Limited, to the Bank of Canton. By virtue of that mortgage the Bank granted an overdraft to the Company to the extent of \$110,000. The putting through of the mortgage was entrusted to the Bank's solicitors, Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master.

It was upon the belief that the mortgagors had title to the property mentioned in the mortgage that the sum of \$110,000 was advanced. The Company over-drew to the full limit and the overdraft was still unpaid.

**PROPERTY FOR SALE.**

In 1923, the Bank as mortgagor advertised the property for sale, but the sale was stopped through the institution of a civil action by Fok Kam-chuen, as a result of which the Bank had irrevocably lost the sum of \$150,000 in the way of principle and interest.

In answer to Mr. Jenkin, witness said that some of the title deeds covered by that mortgage had been lodged with the Bank in the latter part of 1920. Witness said he saw defendant frequently in connection with the accounts of Fook Lee and Company and witness knew that defendant was Fok Kam-chuen's son, although he did not learn this from the defendant himself.

**AN OBJECTION.**

Mr. Sheldon in cross-examination asked witness whether it was not true that only Mr. R. C. Burdett signed the mortgage. Witness replied that that was so, whereupon Mr. Sheldon formally objected to the mortgage being an exhibit.

**"ITALIA'S" CREW.****MARIANO'S FOOT SAID TO BE  
AMPUTATED.****INQUIRY QUESTION.**

King's Bay, Yesterday. The "Kraasin" has arrived with members of the "Italia's" crew. They are looking fit except that Mariano is reported to have had a foot amputated.

Oslo, Yesterday. The Norwegian Government has considered the question of holding an enquiry into the loss of the "Italia" in view of Norway's sovereignty of Spitzbergen. It has been decided, however, not to order an enquiry unless requested to do so by Italy.—Reuter.

**WESLEYAN'S.****IMPORTANT RESOLUTION  
ADOPTED.**

London, Yesterday. The Wesleyan Conference Representative Session in Liverpool has adopted a resolution in favour of enabling the Bill to secure the union of the three Methodist Churches.

The matter will now go to the Pastoral Session next week.—Reuter.

**DAGGER AT PRINCE.****JAPANESE EMPEROR'S  
FATHER-IN-LAW.****NEWS HELD UP.**

Tokyo, June 19. The censor, after an interval of a month, has permitted publication of the news of an attempt to assassinate Prince Naruhiko Higashi Kuni, father-in-law of the Japanese Emperor.

The outrage took place on May 14 at Taichu, Formosa. A Korean, who states that his name is Chomeika, hurled a dagger at the Prince, who was in a motor-car driving from Taichu Station after a military inspection.

The dagger missed the Prince but struck the chauffeur, who was slightly injured.

Chomeika, who is under arrest, is said to have swallowed morphine to strengthen his resolve. He recovered from its effect.

The Imperial procession consisted of 13 motor-cars, preceded by police on motor-cycles. The streets were thronged with school children.

When the Prince's motor-car was in front of the public library, Chomeika leaped on to the back of the motor-car, attempting to stab the Prince. The chauffeur increased his speed and dashed through the streets, attempting to dislodge the assailant.

When it was apparent that he could not climb into the car, Chomeika threw the dagger. He was then seized by the police.

Chomeika stated that he was 21 years old and had been in Japan since 1924, when he arrived as agent of the Korean revolutionaries to assassinate Japanese political leaders.

**Revolutionary Plot.** The attempt apparently reveals a considerable Korean revolutionary conspiracy. Chomeika has admitted that he went to Formosa intending to assassinate the Governor-General. He decided to transfer his attentions to Prince Kuni when he received a communication from his superiors in Korea, who offered a reward of \$90 if the attempt were successful.

It is reported that the Governor-General of Formosa has tendered his resignation following the incident.

It will be recalled that an attempt was made to assassinate the Japanese Premier, Baron Tanaka, on Friday last. He was attacked by a young man armed with a dagger.

**PASSENGER LIST.****DEPARTURES.**

Per s.s. "Mishima Maru" for Japan on July 20:—

Mrs. Harting, Miss Harting, Mr. J. Mandelton, Mr. and Mrs. H. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Searson, Miss Miss Searson, Miss Searson, Miss Dixon, Mrs. B. A. Edward, Miss M. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Sawamatsu, Mr. T. Okamoto, Miss J. W. Buckwell, Mr. and Mrs. A. Negus, Miss N. P. Acheson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Evans, Mr. Murakami, Mr. R. M. Taylor, Mr. Iwaki, Mr. and Mrs. Yamazaki, Mr. S. Baba, Mr. B. Ota, Mrs. Y. Kuribayashi, Mrs. Takasuye, Miss M. Tsuta, Miss Takasuye, Mr. O. Ishizu, Mr. S. Satoh.

on the ground that it had nothing to do with the defendant. The hearing will be continued on Thursday and Friday next, the court sitting at 11.15 on each day.

**"OPEN DAY."****AT VICTORIA BRITISH  
SCHOOL.****PLEASING GATHERING.**

The summer vacation of the Victoria British School starts today, and this morning the parents of the pupils and friends of the school attended an "Open Day" at the school when they were entertained by the pupils with a fine programme which included two little Greek plays, and songs, dances and recitations.

Among the large attendance was Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, who seems to be at his happiest when attending a school function.

The programme opened with a song dance "Butterfly Wings" by some of the smaller pupils, followed by a dance by the children of Class 10. Not to be outdone, the members of Class 9 also gave a song and dance, and afterwards combined with their schoolmates of Class 10 in a singing game entitled "My Noah's Ark."

Recitations by the little Misses Jean Ewing and Sheila Bruce pleased immensely. Their turns were followed by the chief item on the programme, the Greek plays entitled "Helen of Troy" in four acts, and the "Apple of Beauty" which was a sort of prologue to "Helen of Troy."

The children taking part in the plays all acquitted themselves with credit to themselves and their teachers who must have spared no pains in training the children to the perfection in which the plays were presented.

The pretty dresses worn by the various members of the casts in the plays were the handiwork of Miss M. J. Stuart, one of the teachers, who was also responsible for organising the play, in which task she had the hearty support of the Headmistress, Mrs. E. M. Clark and the other members of the school staff. The shields used by the King's and Heroes were made by the pupils of Classes 7 and 8.

Acceptable items which were presented in between the Acts of "Helen of Troy" were—

Songs . . . "Little Flute" and "Fairy Queen" . . . by the younger pupils.

Recitations by the Misses June and Maureen Booker and Mary Parsons.

Songs by the Misses Betty Longbottom, Alice Deader, Winnie Hartridge, and Masters Billy Pryde and Eric Stone.

Song by the girls of Class 10. The accompanists at the piano were Mrs. I. C. Pryde and Mrs. A. G. Jefford.

After the entertainment had been brought to a close by the children singing two verses of the National Anthem, the gathering was conducted by the teachers on a round of inspection of the various class rooms where were on exhibition the works turned out by the boys and girls of the school during the term just closed. The exhibits included drawings, needlework, and other handiwork, many of which reflected credit on their young originators.

**"THREE FACES EAST."****SECRET SERVICE DRAMA.**

"Three Faces East" is being screened to-day at the World Theatre.

The picture is pretty, finely portraying the splendour and pomp of a German court, and unfolds in dramatic fashion a story of the Secret Service before the Great War.

As a young lady in the employment of the Secret Service, Jeta Goudal plays the part to perfection. She is supported by Robert Ames among others in a strong cast.

We understand that Messrs. Millington Ltd. the Shanghai Advertisement Consultants contemplate opening an office in the Colony. Two representatives from this firm have arrived in Hong Kong to complete arrangements with the Telephone Co. in connection with the insertion of advertisements in both the Foreign and Chinese Subscribers lists. These gentlemen, Messrs. H. F. Smith and B. L. Gabbott will remain here until the end of the month but in the meantime will formulate their scheme of campaign.

Chan Sze-cheung, a young cook on board the s.s. "Perak" was remanded before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning for the murder of another man named Yao Ah-chung at high seas.

Three months' hard labour was imposed on a Chinese who was charged with attempting to snatch a jade ear-ring from a woman at Queen's-road West yesterday afternoon.

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INQUISITION.****ANTI-TRADE BILL.**

When the reprint of the Companies Bill is ready for presentation to Parliament on the report stage it is expected that amendments will be tabled to the clause making compulsory the disclosure of directors' emoluments.

Business men fear that this clause will drive some of the commercial geniuses of the country out of industry. It is thought that in some cases shareholders will not appreciate that men earning up to £50,000 a year are making huge sums for the company by their acumen and skill.

Already many directors have announced their intention of retiring should they be subjected to heckling by ill-informed shareholders.

Board of Trade officials were aware of this possibility. In Committee efforts were made by Socialists to insist that all directors' fees and emoluments should be set out in detail.

**Full Value for Money.** The Government, however, resisted this and secured the provision that only the aggregate amount should be stated, and that no information should be given with regard to the managing director unless he was also chairman.

Personal emoluments of directors may, however, be disclosed on demand by 25 per cent. of the shareholders.

Regarding the position of managing directors and chairmen, the director of a great industrial organisation said to a "Daily Mail" representative:—

Often a board of directors, realising the worth and ability of the managing director, appoint him chairman. That is an extra responsibility for which he is rightly entitled to extra remuneration.

But under the Companies Bill, this man's worth, which secured him the office of chairman, makes him a target for every little sniper. This clause is likely to bring about a serious position for British commerce.

Boards of directors know well what is happening in the internal affairs of a company. If they are content that a man shall draw a large sum, even £50,000 a year, the shareholders can be certain that they are getting full value.

**SAMOA.****AUTHORITY MUST BE  
MAINTAINED.**

Geneva, June 23. It is understood that the Mandates Commission's findings concerning the administration of Samoa will include a statement that the Mandatory's lawful authority must be maintained at all costs, and that anything menacing good order must be firmly dealt with.

**Mr. Nelson's Departure.** It is learned that Mr. Nelson is making efforts to obtain reinstatement in Samoa. He has instructed London lawyers to begin an appeal to the Privy Council against his deportation order on the ground that the New Zealand law of 1927, under which he was deported, contains no provision for an appeal.

"It may break me," he said, "but I mean to go through with it."

**Shadows Before****COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED  
IN THE "MAIL."**

To-day—Promenade concert at Volunteer Parade Ground at 9.15 p.m.

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Hotel Imperial."

To-day—World Theatre; "Three Faces East."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Music Master."

July 22-23—World Theatre; "The Show Off."

July 22-23—Star Theatre; "Holl's High Road."

July 22-24—Queen's Theatre; "Frisco Sally Levy."

July 24-25—World Theatre; "Forty Winks."

July 24-25—Star Theatre; "The Coming of Amos."

July 25-28—Queen's Theatre; "Sorrows of Satan."

July 26-28—World Theatre; "Mark of Zorro."

July 26-28—Star Theatre; "Love 'Em and Leave 'Em."

Lammers Auctions.

July 24—At Sales Room, 4 & 4A, Duddell-st., valuable household furniture, etc., 2.30 p.m.

August 2—At Auction Rooms, 4, Duddell-st., the steamship "Gorjistan," noon.

Meeting.

July 23—H.K.V.D.C. Sports Committee meeting at Headquarters, 5.45 p.m.

**SCOUTS' CONCERT.**

At St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, an enjoyable concert was given last night by the 2nd Hong Kong Troop of Boy Scouts, assisted by a number of well-known artists in aid of their Troop funds.

Musical items were presented by Mr. Baldwin (piano) and Mrs. Balean (violin), whilst Mr. Annis sang humorous songs at the piano, while Mrs. Mather and Dr. Dovy amused the audience with clever monologues.

The Scouts themselves presented a Red Indian sketch entitled "Peppermint," the Chief's son. All those taking part acquitted themselves admirably, and acted with a real and enthusiasm which goes much to the credit of the troop.

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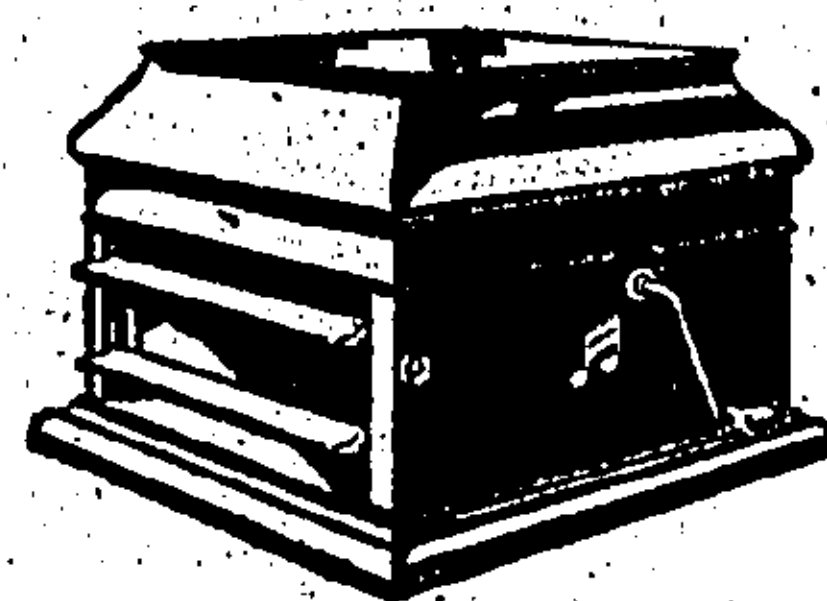
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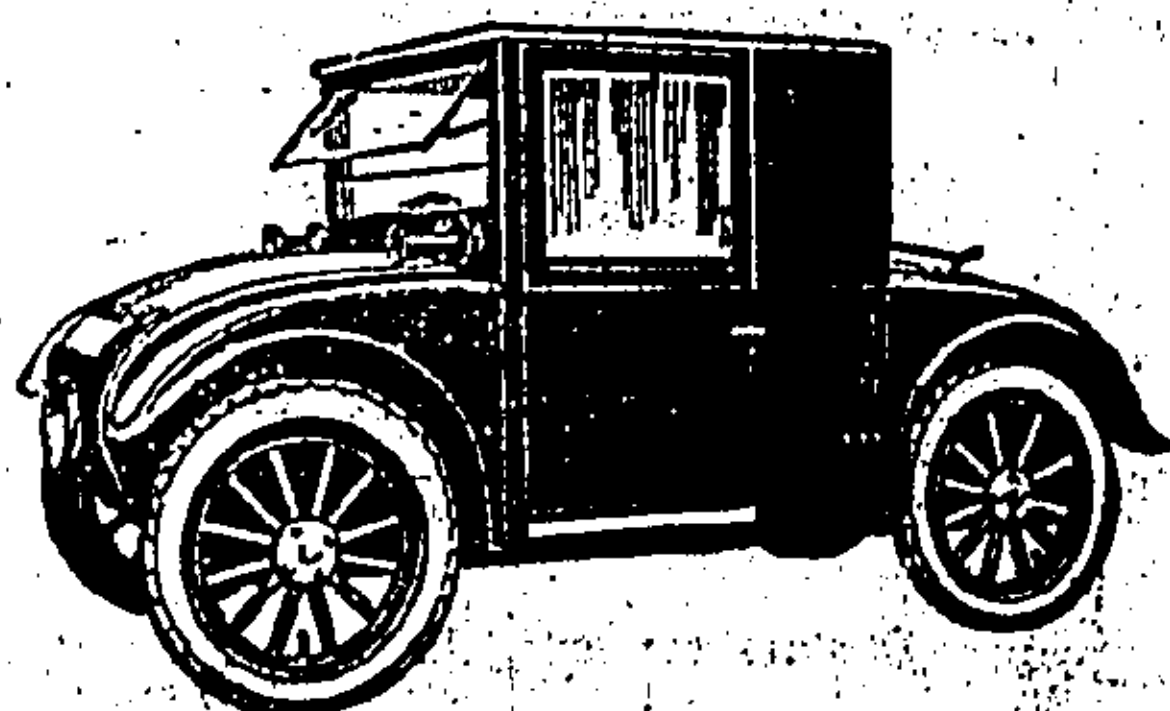
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### THE VOLUNTEERS.

TO-NIGHT'S CONCERT ON  
PARADE GROUND.  
HIGHLAND DANCING.

The following orders have been  
issued by Lieut. L. G. Bird, D.S.O.,  
Commandant.  
Arms.—All rifles and bayonets  
will be handed into Volunteer store  
immediately for the annual inspection.

Sports Committee meeting will  
be held at Volunteer Headquarters  
at 5.45 p.m. on Monday, July 23,  
1928.

#### CORPS BAND.

Friday, July 20.—The Band will  
parade in uniform at Corps Head-  
quarters at 7.15 p.m. to play at the  
Officers' Mess guest night. Dress:  
Cap, tunic, belt slacks and black  
boots.

There will be no more Band  
practices during July, but all pre-  
bationers are required to parade  
at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.  
on Tuesday, July 24, for instruc-  
tion.

#### THE BATTERY.

The Battery Commander's Cup  
has been won for 1928 by Bdr.  
J. P. A. Davis who passed top in  
the examination on theory.

#### MOUNTED INFANTRY.

Friday, July 20.—Parade at 5.30  
p.m. at Corps Headquarters for in-  
struction on M.G. Sergt. Potts'  
Section only.

Tuesday, July 24.—Parade at  
5.45 p.m. at Stables for work with  
puck animals.

Friday, July 27.—Parade at 5.30  
p.m. at Corps Headquarters for in-  
struction on M.G. Sergt. Watson's  
Section only.

#### ARMOURD CARS.

Car Section.—Monday, July 22.  
Instruction on Machine Gun at  
Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.  
Dress: Mufti.

Wednesday, July 25.—A run in  
the Armoured Car will be held  
starting from Volunteer Headquar-  
ters at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress:  
Mufti.

Friday, July 27.—Parade at  
Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30  
p.m. for lecture on Car Mechanism.

#### MACHINE GUNS.

Parades will be held at Volun-  
teer Headquarters on Fridays, July  
20 and 27, at 5.30 p.m. in mufti,  
for Machine Gun Instruction.  
There will also be the usual In-  
structors Class at the same time  
and place.

#### SCOTTISH COMPANY.

Vickers Gun Class of instruction  
will be held at Corps Headquarters  
at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 23.

All interested see notice re  
Highland Dancing Competition  
open to all ranks of the Company  
offered by The K.O.S. Borderers.

#### PORTUGUESE COMPANY.

There will be no parades for Re-  
cruits until further orders are is-  
sued to that effect.

#### PROMOTIONS.

The following extracts from the  
Hong Kong Government Gazette,  
No. 31 dated July 13, 1928, and No.  
32 dated July 20, 1928, are pub-  
lished for information:

His Excellency the Officer Ad-  
ministering the Government has  
been pleased to appoint Sergeant  
Maurice Alfred Johnson, M.M., to  
be Second Lieutenant in the Hong  
Kong Volunteer Defence Corps,  
with effect from July 4, 1928.

His Excellency the Officer Ad-  
ministering the Government has  
been pleased to make the following  
promotions in the Hong Kong  
Volunteer Defence Corps:

Lieut. Reginald Robert Davies,  
M.C., M.M., to be Captain, to date  
from July 11, 1928.

Second Lieut. Harry Owen  
Hughes to be Lieutenant, to date  
from July 4, 1928.

Second Lieut. Norman Leslie  
Howard Rallton to be Lieutenant,  
to date from July 5, 1928.

Second Lieut. Alistair Mackenzie  
to be Lieutenant, to date from July  
6, 1928.

Second Lieut. Stanley Jarvis,  
M.C., to be Lieutenant, to date from  
July 7, 1928.

Second Lieut. George Duncan,  
M.B.E., to be Lieutenant, to date  
from July 8, 1928.

#### CORPS BAND.

No. 1112 L/Cpl. J. L. Alves to  
be Corporal, from July 20, 1928.  
No. 1210 Pte. A. F. Silva, to be  
Lance Corporal, from July 20, 1928.  
No. 1334 Pte. G. Osmund, to be  
Lance Corporal, from July 20, 1928.

#### POSTING.

2/Lieut. M. A. Johnson, M.M., is  
posted to the Engineer Company,  
as from July 4, 1928.

#### LEAVE.

No. 1077 Pte. Isaac, Armoured  
Car Section, from July 17, 1928, to  
October 16, 1928.

#### STRUCK OFF.

Having completed three years  
service and claimed their dis-  
charges:

No. 875 L/Cpl. L. B. Warren, No.  
2 Platoon, as from July 10, 1928.

No. 937 Pte. F. X. Delgado, No.  
9 Platoon, as from July 7, 1928.

No. 973 Bugler R. F. G. Jones,  
Headquarters, as from July 6, 1928.

Having failed to complete the  
requirements of Efficiency for 1927-  
1928 Training Season, as from  
April 16, 1928.

No. 1127 Signaller W. G. Stone,  
Corps Signals.

On Medical Grounds, as from  
July 10, 1928.

No. 1338 Bandsman F. Danenberg,  
Corps Band.

#### NOTICES.

1. Promenade Concert.—There  
will be a Band Concert at Volun-  
teer Parade Ground at 9.15 p.m. on  
Friday, July 20, 1928, by the Band  
of the 2nd Battalion The King's  
Own Scottish Borderers, by kind  
permission of Lieut-Colonel L. J.  
Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., and the  
Officers.

Tickets \$1.00 each are obtainable  
at Volunteer Headquarters and  
Anderson Music Co.

It is hoped all ranks of the Corps  
will assist in making this a finan-  
cial and social success, by taking  
tickets for themselves and their  
friends.

2. The following event is  
specially included in the Highland  
Dancing Competition to be held by  
The K.O.S. Borderers on August 1,  
1928, open to members of the Scot-  
tish Company, H.K.V.D.C.

Highland Fling (Six Steps).  
Entries to Pipe President, Mur-  
ray Barracks, as early possible.  
Prizes according to entries.

### DOLORES DEL RIO.

#### DIVORCE FROM HUSBAND WHO FLED FROM HOLLYWOOD.

New York.—Miss Dolores del  
Rio, the film star, has been granted  
her divorce by a court in Mex-  
ico City.

Her former husband, Mr. Jaime  
Martinez del Rio, came to New  
York some months ago to pursue  
his career as a writer. Before  
travelling east from Hollywood he  
said he was tired of hearing him-  
self called "Dolores del Rio's hus-  
band."

The grounds of the divorce were  
incompatibility.

When informed that her decree  
had been granted the film star  
said:

I am interested only in my work,  
and do not for the present con-  
template another matrimonial ven-  
ture.

### WORLD BAPTIST ALLIANCE.

Toronto, June 23.

Seven thousand delegates, re-  
presenting 60 nations and 12,000-  
900 communicants, opened the  
World Baptist Alliance in Toronto  
to-day. The alliance will last till  
next Friday, and will feature a  
celebration of the 300th an-  
niversary of John Bunyan.

### LETTER MYSTERY.

#### CORONER REFUSES TO BE- LIEVE DEAD MAN'S SISTER.

"I SHALL BE GONE."

Brighton.—Extraordinary con-  
flict of evidence was heard at the  
inquest here on David Golden-  
bloom (28), a boot repairer, of  
Kenway-road, Earl's Court, Lon-  
don. The man was found dead  
from the effects of poison in the  
gorse on the Race Hill.

Mrs. Norah Weaver, widow, of  
Stockwell, declared that Golden-  
bloom lived with her. He left on  
Sunday, saying that he was going  
to meet his brother. He did not  
return, and she was shown  
shown a letter by Edward Golden-  
bloom, a brother, in which David  
said he had gone to Brighton to  
poison himself, and that by the  
time they received the letter he  
would be dead.

Mrs. Weaver added that David  
Goldenbloom was a racegoer and a  
gambler. He had previously at-  
tempted to take his life, and on  
that occasion was unconscious for  
four or five days.

Edward Goldenbloom denied  
that he showed Mrs. Weaver a  
letter. He also said that his  
brother lived at home, and left  
two weeks ago. He had not seen  
him since, and had been too busy  
to make inquiries.

Mrs. Weaver.—He did show me  
the letter. I am not dreaming.

Miss Jane Goldenbloom, a  
sister, said she received a letter  
from her brother, in which he  
said:—

"I shall be gone." She did not  
attach importance to it, and tore  
it to pieces.

The Coroner.—I don't believe  
your statement and shall not  
trouble you any more.

Returning a verdict of Suicide  
while of Unsound Mind, the  
coroner said:—

"I must say that the evidence is  
very unsatisfactory. It is abso-  
lutely contradictory.

And it is extraordinary that  
Miss Goldenbloom should ask me  
to believe that she destroyed this  
letter.

### AN M.P.'s DENIAL.

#### ALLEGED CONSPIRACY DURING GENERAL STRIKE.

In the King's Bench Division  
before Mr. Justice Avey and a  
special jury, further evidence was  
given in the action for damages  
brought by G. Scammell and  
Nephew, Ltd., engineers, of  
Fashon-street, Spitalfields. E.,  
against nine members of the  
Stepney Borough Council. Con-  
spiracy was alleged with members  
of the Electrical Trades' Union in  
procuring the cutting off of their  
electricity supply during the gen-  
eral strike of May, 1926.

The defendants, Messrs. J.  
Hurley, H. Oliver, C. R. Attlee, M.  
Aylward, E. J. Bigden, C. Groves,  
H. Lazarus, J. Lewis, and W. P.  
Parsons, denied the allegations and  
maintained that in acting as they  
did they were carrying out their  
duties as councillors.

Sir Walter Greaves-Lord, K.C.,  
for the company, said his clients  
had agreed to judgment being  
entered with costs in favour of  
Messrs. Hurley and Oliver, as it  
had now been found that these  
two defendants were not present  
at meetings of the Electricity Com-  
mittee when the cutting off of sup-  
plies was discussed.

Major C. R. Attlee, one of the  
defendants, gave evidence that he  
was a member of the Labour Party  
but was opposed to the general  
strike. He was M.P. for Lim-  
house, E., and a member of the  
Simon Commission in India. He  
denied that he had conspired in  
cutting off the supply.

The hearing was adjourned.

### CAPT. HAMILTON.

#### ILL-FATED ATLANTIC AIR- MAN LEAVES £816.

Captain Leslie Hamilton, of  
30A, Manor House, Marylebone-  
road, N.W., the pilot of the aero-  
plane in which Princess Lowens-  
tein-Wertheim attempted to fly  
from Upavon to America last  
August, and of which no news has  
since been heard, left £816.

Letters of administration of his  
property have been granted to his  
mother, Mrs. Violet Eleanor Jane  
Douglas.

[The will of Princess Anne of  
Loewenstein-Wertheim was proved  
at £28,265.]

### HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors  
the following list of some of the  
highest points on the Island and  
Mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak .....	1823
Signal Station .....	1774
Mt. Parker .....	1734
Mountain Lodge .....	1725
The 'Eyrie' .....	1725
Peak Hotel .....	1705
Talkoo Sanatorium .....	1000
Mt. Davis .....	877
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Mainland.	Feet.
Tai Mo Shan .....	3124
Kowloon Peak .....	1971

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Considerable significance is attached to the return of Wu  
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now reported to have placed himself at the head of 200,000  
men along the Upper Yangtze. His re-entry into the political  
arena at this stage, when the Nationalists have gained most  
of China Proper, may have much influence on events during  
the next year or two.

Latest developments are recorded in this week's "Overland  
China Mail" in which will also be found a series of special  
contributions from a political correspondent dealing with  
several topics of moment. Possible peace between the Nation-  
alists and Manchuria is another subject referred to; also the  
position of Japan and other foreign Powers in relation to  
China's attitude on treaties.

The first typhoon of the season and the Court Martial of  
a Naval officer are among the most prominent of local events  
reported in the "Overland China Mail," the only illustrated  
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#### WHEN YOU GO ON LEAVE.

Are you going Home on leave this year? If you are,  
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# Sport Columns

## TENNIS.

### H.K.C.C.'S UNEXPECTED DEFEAT.

#### "A" DIVISION SURPRISE.

Tennis, like all other outdoor games was, last Saturday, out of the question, the weather making it impossible to be out on the courts. The league has therefore been again delayed and unless more mid-week matches are in evidence it looks as if the season will extend well into the month of September instead of terminating in August.

Hong Kong C.C. played their last match in the "A" division during the week and most unexpectedly lost to Kowloon C.C., the latter at the same time completing their season's fixtures. A win for the premier cricket club would have given them the runners-up position which is now shared with Mitsui Bussan Kaisha. Kowloon were in danger of being the wooden-spoonists but have now got out of the bottom rung of the ladder.

**TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES.**  
The following are the fixtures for to-morrow—  
"B" Division.  
Chinese R.C. v. Nippon Club.  
"C" Division.  
R.A.O.C. v. Y.M.C.A.  
Civil Service v. South China.  
R.A.M.C. v. Indian R.C.  
Recreio II. v. Nippon Club.  
Recreio I. v. Kennedy-rd. M.Q.  
H.K.C.C. v. Kowloon Indians.

## LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the League to date are—

### "A" Division.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Chinese R.C.	6	6	0	12
Hong Kong C.C.	6	4	2	8
M.B.K.	6	4	2	8
Indian R.C.	6	2	4	4
Kowloon C.C.	6	2	4	4
Craigengower C.C.	5	1	4	2
University	5	1	4	2

### "B" Division.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Chinese R.C.	9	9	0	18
South China A.A.	8	7	1	14
Hong Kong C.C.	8	7	1	14
Recreio	8	5	3	10
Nippon	6	3	3	6
Indian R.C.	7	3	4	6
University	6	2	4	4
Craigengower C.C.	6	2	4	4
M.B.K.	6	1	5	2
Royal Engineers	8	1	7	2
Kowloon C.C.	6	0	6	0

### "C" Division.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Chinese R.C. II.	9	9	0	18
Chinese R.C. I.	7	7	0	14
Recreio II.	7	6	1	12
Kowloon C.C.	8	6	2	12
South China A.A.	5	6	0	10
Hong Kong C.C.	7	4	3	8
Civil Service C.C.	7	4	3	8
Kennedy-rd. M.Q.	8	4	4	8
R.A.O.C.	8	3	5	6
Recreio I.	9	3	6	6
Nippon	6	2	4	4
R.A.M.C.	8	2	6	4
Y.M.C.A.	7	1	6	2
Indian R.C.	9	1	8	2
Kowloon I.T.C.	8	0	8	0

### "B" DIVISION.

On their own courts on Wednesday, Indian Recreation Club lost to Hong Kong Cricket Club by 17 games. Scores:—  
S. A. Hussain and M. O. Hoosen (I.R.C.)—  
lost to G. Miskin and W. B. Cornaby 5-6  
beat E. J. R. Mitchell and J. G. Lawrie 7-4  
lost to R. K. Valentine and W. A. Nowers 4-7

S. S. Hussain and A. G. Mohamed (I.R.C.)—  
lost to G. Miskin and W. B. Cornaby 4-7  
lost to E. J. R. Mitchell and J. G. Lawrie 4-7  
lost to R. K. Valentine and W. A. Nowers 4-7

D. Mohamed and S. A. R. Bux (I.R.C.)—  
lost to G. Miskin and W. B. Cornaby 2-9  
lost to E. J. R. Mitchell and J. G. Lawrie 4-7  
beat R. K. Valentine and W. A. Nowers 7-4

Total: Indian Recreation Club 41 games, Hong Kong Cricket Club 58 games.

### "C" DIVISION.

At Sookumpo yesterday, Indian Recreation Club lost to Kowloon Cricket Club by 25 games. Scores:—  
M. O. Hoosen and A. Rahmin (I.R.C.)—  
lost to C. H. Atkins and E. Walker 2-8  
beat G. Lee and A. W. Ramsay 7-4  
lost to Guest and Bingham 2-9

M. P. Madar and M. Y. Adal (I.R.C.)—  
lost to C. H. Atkins and E. Walker 4-7  
lost to G. Lee and A. W. Ramsay 4-7  
lost to Guest and Bingham 5-6

Total: Indian Recreation Club 37 games, Kowloon Cricket Club 62 games.

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## BOWLS.

### TYPHOON WEATHER SADLY INTERFERES.

#### THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

(By "Bias.")  
Last week was a complete "wash-out" so far as the league was concerned and positions are very much as they were. Craigengower are still undefeated at the top of the first division and seem likely to stay there despite arguments about unfinished games. To-morrow they go across the valley to play against Civil Service and should have no difficulty in taking home the points. The Civil Servants second string are away to the Yacht Club and must win if they are to take their seniors' place in the first division next year.

**TWO GOOD GAMES.**  
Kowloon Bowling Green versus Kowloon Docks at the Bowling Green should be a very close and keenly contested affair. I fancy the Bowling Green at home.

In the Second Division K.C.C. seconds are at home to Talkoo and this should be another very close game.

**OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.**  
In the Open Championship the field is thinning out and names are being mentioned for the semi-final. Starting from the top I expect to see the following four performing. Grimitt—Ferguson—W. McFarlane—Fendered.

**A BOWL'S YARN.**  
A touring team in Scotland found themselves up against a combination of attendants and inmates of a mental hospital. One of the local skips lay 8 shots when the tourist skip went to play his last bowl. He drove and the kitty went clean out of the rink.

Turning to his opponent in Great Glee he asked him what he thought of that shot. The other skip, who happened to be an inmate, looked at him for a second and then remarked drily "Man, it takes an artist to paint a picture; but any darned fool can put his foot through it." I told this story to some bowlers the other day and I was told to tell it to Ferguson of Talkoo.

**TO-MORROW'S MATCHES.**  
Fixtures arranged for to-morrow are as follows:—  
Division I.  
Civil Service v. Craigengower.  
Kowloon Bowling Green v. K.D.R.C.  
Kowloon C.C. v. Talkoo R.C.  
Division II.  
Craigengower v. Recreio "A".  
Yacht Club v. Civil Service.  
Talkoo v. Kowloon Bowling Green.  
Recreio "B" v. East Point R.C.

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P. W. D. L. Pts.  
Craigengower C.C. 6 6 0 0 12  
Police R.C. 7 4 0 3 8  
Talkoo R.C. 5 3 0 2 6  
Kowloon B.G.C. 6 3 0 3 6  
Kowloon Dock R.C. 6 3 0 3 6  
Kowloon C.C. 5 2 0 3 4  
Civil Service C.C. 7 0 0 7 0

Shots For and Against.  
For Agst. Up Dn.  
Craigengower C.C. 385 312 72 0  
Kowloon B.G.C. 382 338 44 0  
Talkoo R.C. 293 289 4 0  
Kowloon D.R.C. 364 365 0 1  
Police R.C. 394 413 0 19  
Kowloon C.C. 271 305 0 35  
Civil Service C.C. 375 440 0 65

Division II.  
P. W. D. L. Pts.  
Civil Service C.C. 6 4 1 1 9  
Kowloon B.G.C. 7 4 1 2 9  
East Point R.C. 7 4 0 3 8  
Recreio "A" 7 4 0 3 8  
Craigengower C.C. 7 3 0 4 6  
Recreio "B" 5 2 1 2 5  
Talkoo R.C. 4 2 0 2 4  
Kowloon C.C. 6 1 1 4 3  
Yacht Club 5 1 0 4 2

Shots For and Against.  
For Agst. Up Dn.  
Recreio "A" 426 315 111 0  
Kowloon B.G.C. 463 353 110 0  
Civil Service C.C. 378 324 54 0  
Talkoo R.C. 231 227 0 6  
Recreio "B" 282 293 0 11  
Yacht Club 191 243 0 52  
East Point R.C. 394 448 0 54  
Craigengower C.C. 369 423 0 54  
Kowloon C.C. 310 408 0 98

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## H.K. FOOTBALL CLUB.

### NEW CLUB-HOUSE READY BY NOVEMBER.

#### EXTRAORDINARY MEETING.

That a permanent club-house, in place of the present makeshift structure which has been in existence for so many years, will be ready in November, was announced at an extraordinary meeting of the Hong Kong Football Club held yesterday.

Mr. J. McCubbin, who presided, referred to the difficulties hitherto encountered by the Committee. The Government had opposed building permanent structures in that part of Happy Valley where the Club's ground was but permission had now been obtained.

The new pavilion will be on the site of the present makeshift, a temporary makeshift being put up at the other end of the ground to serve during the interval.

In Mr. McCubbin's opinion, the new club-house will be fitted out in such a way as to be able to entertain visiting teams and non-playing members.

**What It Will Cost.**  
The estimated cost is \$16,846 so that the Club will be able to build free from debt. Ninety per cent. would be paid on completion and the balance held for six months as guarantee.

After Mr. McCubbin had formally proposed authorisation of the Committee to proceed with building, Mr. J. Ralston seconded.

During his 14 years' membership, said Mr. Ralston, he had always felt the need for a permanent club-house. Their cherished wish would now be realised, thanks to the unstinted labour of the Committee.

It was not the first time that the Committee considered estimates and plans and, in Mr. Ralston's opinion, the building they were getting was cheap at the price. A start will be made as soon as possible.

Mr. McCubbin also paid a tribute, when the proposition had been carried, to the services of Mr. Robertson, who had worked hard on the plans and rendered the Club under a debt of gratitude to him.



King Michael I. of Rumania, whose father, the former Crown Prince Carol, may return to Rumania and assume the throne.

## SWEEP ECHO.

\$650 ASKED FOR TICKETS COSTING \$80.

Frank Ernest Bowler, of Embankment-chambers, Villers-street, Strand, was summoned at Bow-street, for selling chances in a lottery called the Calcutta Derby Sweep. Herbert Henry, Currow, managing director of Messrs. J. and B. Dodsworth, Ltd., Pear Tree-street, Clerkenwell, was summoned for printing the circulars and tickets.

Mr. Sanders, for the police, said Bowler distributed circulars in the name of the Motor International Sports Agency offering vouchers for 80 tickets in the Calcutta Sweepstake at \$5 each. Any prizes won were to be distributed equally among the voucher holders, less 5 per cent. commission.

A later circular stated that 20 tickets had been bought, and 250 vouchers were offered at \$1 each. When the police told Bowler that by selling the 80 vouchers he would receive \$400 for tickets which had cost him \$61, and in the other case he would get \$250 for what had cost him \$16, Bowler said after he had paid the working expenses there was "nothing in it."

Mr. Wallis, defending, said Bowler's receipts amounted to \$91 and his expenses were \$90. Bowler was fined \$20 and \$10 costs, and the summons against Currow, who said he did not know he was breaking the law, was dismissed on payment of \$5 costs.

Work is proceeding rapidly in connection with the Fair which is to take place at Macao in the coming autumn. Many places are maturing and regulations are now available.

## PRINCE ON TRADE.

### MESSAGE TO "BETTER BUSINESS" EXPERTS.

#### "A REVIVAL."

The following message from the Prince of Wales was read by Mr. Charles A. McCurdy, president of the Advertising Association, at the opening session of the fourth Advertising Convention at Birmingham recently, at which more than 700 delegates were present.

I regret that I was unable to accept your invitation to attend the fourth convention of the Advertising Association at Birmingham, but at this moment, with conditions definitely favourable to a revival of trade, my thoughts will be with you as you deliberate on wider and better marketing of British goods.

By bringing into play those new and scientific methods of marketing which modern conditions demand, we shall go far to retain that pre-eminent position in commerce which has been won for us by the efforts and enterprise of previous generations.

Mr. McCurdy, in his opening address, said no place could provide a more fitting setting for a trade convention than Birmingham, where the industrial spirit of the English people manifested itself in an amazing profusion and variety of output. He continued:

The newspaper trade is the most remarkable example of scientific advertising and business development that the world has yet seen. The message of the convention is that what has been achieved by publicity in the newspaper trade, constant improvement of service coupled with constant reduction of prices to consumer and constant increase of profits to producer, is in some degree possible to every other trade in the world.

Sir Ernest Benn, speaking on advertising and social service, said:

When the history of our times comes to be written we shall be described as people who gave up work to take up politics, who laid down tools and attempted political experiments which did not succeed, leaving our job to our grandfathers and the bill to the grandchildren.

This country is over-politicised. For about 30 years politicians in the mind of the public have been going up and the business man down. True politics is becoming a lost art. Enterprise, skill, and knowledge which ought to be employed in the business of maintaining markets and providing employment are being diverted into new and puerile channels.

Mr. C. King Woodbridge, president of the International Advertising Association, invited delegates to be present at the meetings in Detroit, when he will propose the formation of an international board with elected representatives of advertising organisations in various countries to develop international business through advertising.

**Net Sales Retention.**  
Mr. Harold Eley, of the Dunlop Rubber Company, Limited, speaking to the "direct mail" advertising section, said:

We should try to get rid of that abominable word "circularising." I never hear this word without conjuring up a vision of missives from gentlemen of Hebraic origin but Scottish names who are desirous of lending me any sum from \$10 to \$10,000 on note of hand alone. If I do not think of these gentlemen I think of others who write to me to give advertising support to mysterious journals about which there is a deep mystery as to circulation figures.

Speaking at the newspaper section, Sir William Crawford deplored the poor representation of Britain and the United States at the Cologne Press and Printing Exhibition, which he said, had been exploited by Bolsheviks for propaganda. He urged his hearers to visit the exhibition, which he described as wonderful and stimulating.

## AIRSHIP LINES.

### STERN ANGLO-GERMAN COMPETITION.

#### CRITICAL STAGE.

London, June 18.  
The aeronautical correspondent of the London "Daily News" says that the competition between Britain and Germany to produce the first passenger carrying Atlantic airship has reached a critical stage.

Gangs of men are working day and night at Friedrichshafen to complete the LZ127, the largest Zeppelin built, and Commander Burney is straining every nerve to complete the British R100 by July.

## LONDON EXCHANGES.

### London, Yesterday.

Paris	124.20
New York	4.86 1/4
Brussels	34.92
Geneva	25.26
Amsterdam	12.085
Milan	92.80
Berlin	20.38
Stockholm	18.16
Copenhagen	18.19
Oslo	18.20
Vienna	34.495
Prague	164 1/2
Helsingfors	193 1/4
Madrid	29.525
Lisbon	2 3/16
Athens	376 1/2
Bucharest	795 1/2
Rio	5 29/32
Buenos Aires	47 25/64
Bombay	1/5 29/32
Shanghai	2 7/8
Hong Kong	2 0 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 7/32
Silver Spot	27 1/4
Silver Forward	27 1/16

—British Wireless Service.

## MONEY & SHARES.

### TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
Bank, wire	2 1/2 - 3/4
Bank, on demand	2 1/2 - 3/4
Bank, 30 days' sight	2 1/2 - 3/4
Bank, 4 months' sight	2 1/2 - 3/4
Credits, 4 months' sight	—
Documentary 4 months' sight	—
On Paris—	
On demand	124 7/8
Credits, 4 months' sight	—
On Berlin—	
On demand	—
On New York—	
Credits, 60 days' sight	49
On Bombay—	
Wire	134 1/4
On demand	134 1/4
On Calcutta—	
Wire	134 1/4
On demand	134 1/4
On Singapore—	
On demand	87
On Manila—	
On demand	98
On Shanghai—	
On demand	76 1/4
30 days' sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama—	
On demand	106 1/4
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per taal)	—
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	2 1/4 \$9.60
Silver (per oz.)	27 1/4
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	4 1/2 % prem.
Chinese Copper Cash nom.	—
Chinese Copper Cents 6 % prem.	—
Rate of Native Interest	7 % p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	29 1/2 % dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.	—

## THE SHARE MARKET.

Stock	Hong Kong. Stock. Exchange.
T.T. on London .....	2/- 3/4
T.T. on Shanghai .....	76 1/4
Banks.	
Hongkong Bank .....	\$1292 1/4 b 1300 s
do. Lon. Reg. ....	\$140 n
Chartered Bank .....	\$22 1/2 n
Mercantile A. & B. ....	\$38 n
do. C. ....	\$14 1/2 n
P. & O. Bank .....	\$29 1/2 n
Bank of East Asia .....	\$75 n
Insurance.	
Canton Insurance .....	\$615 b
Union Insurance .....	\$341 1/4 n
North China Insurance .....	\$146 1/2 b
Yankee Insurance .....	\$50 n
China Underwriters .....	\$32 1/2 n
China Fire Insurance .....	\$240 n
H.K. Fire Insurance .....	\$725 b
Shipping.	
Douglas .....	\$30 1/2 s
H.K. Steamboats .....	\$27 1/2 n
H.K. Tugs & Lighters .....	\$24 n
Indo-China (Pref) .....	\$38 1/2 s
do. (Def.) .....	\$70 n
Shell Transports .....	100/- n
Water-works .....	\$20 1/4 b 20 1/2 s
Mining.	
Bonguets .....	\$1 1/4 b
Kailan Mining Ad. ....	60/- n
Langkats (Combined) .....	\$12.20 n
do. (Single) .....	\$6.90 n
Shanghai Explorations .....	\$2.45 n
Shanghai Loans .....	\$3 1/2 n
Ranch .....	\$4.00 b
Tromoh Mines .....	\$7 1/2 n
Docks, Wharves, &c.	
H.K. & R. Wharves .....	\$130 1/2 n
H.K. & W. Docks .....	\$40 b
China Providents .....	\$5.15 b 5 1/4 s
Hongkong .....	\$1.65 n
New Engineering .....	\$75 n
Shanghai Docks .....	\$107 1/2 b
Cotton Mills.	
Ewo Cottons .....	\$8.80 b 9 s
Oriental Cottons .....	\$2 1/2 s
China Cottons (Old) .....	\$5 1/4 n
do. (new) .....	\$12 1/2 n
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.	
H.K. & S. Hotels .....	\$8.80 n
Hongkong Lands .....	\$65 1/2 b
Shanghai Lands .....	\$1.88 b
Humphreys Estates .....	\$14.35 b
Hongkong Realities .....	\$8 s
H.K. Territorials .....	—
Prince's Buildings .....	—
Public Utilities.	
H.K. Tramways .....	\$24.80 b 24.80 s
Peak Trans (old) .....	\$10 n
do. (new) .....	\$8 b
Star Ferries .....	\$64 1/2 b
China Lights (comb.) .....	—
do. (old) .....	\$11 1/2 s
do. (new) .....	\$11.85 s
do. 1928 issue .....	\$11.55 s
H.K. Electric .....	\$40 1/2 n
Electric (new) .....	\$48 n
Macao Electric .....	\$28 1/2 b
H.K. Telephones .....	\$5.00 n
China Buses .....	\$10.80 b
Singapore Tractions .....	\$1 1/2 n
do. Pref. .....	\$17 1/2 n
Industrials.	
China Sugars .....	\$2 1/4 s & 2s
Arabon Sugars .....	\$24 1/2 b
Antion Ices .....	\$3.70 n
ements (comb.) .....	\$9.35 b
do. (old) .....	\$8.40 n
do. (new) .....	\$8.15 b
K. Ropes (old) .....	\$8 1/2 b
do. (new) .....	\$6.40 n
ited Asbestos .....	\$0 s
Stores, &c.	
dry Farms .....	\$21.80 b
do. .....	\$14 n
A. Wines .....	\$5.00 n
es, Crawfords .....	\$2 1/2 s
ickintosh .....	\$20 n
ceras .....	\$9 1/2 n
n. Powells .....	\$3 s
W. Williams .....	\$2 1/2 n
K. Amusements .....	\$20 1/2 s
Constructions .....	\$1 1/4 s
Ind. G. Bonds .....	68% n
K. Govt. Loans .....	5 1/4% Prem. b



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## MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS.

### "HELEN" AND AFTER.

THE REAL VALUE OF  
TRADITION.  
RETURN TO CLASSICISM.

[By F. Bonavia.]

In a speech made after the first performance of "Helen in Egypt" to congratulate Richard Strauss on the success of his new opera, the Generalintendant of the Dresden theatre, Dr. Reucker, emphasised the value and the glory of the musical tradition of the city. He could easily have gone further and claimed that the opera itself was an outstanding example of the value of tradition in music, in setting, in stagecraft. After the romantic opera of Wagner, Verdi, and Puccini, the neo-classicism of Strauss and Hugo von Hofmannsthal may appear an innovation. As a matter of fact, it represents a return to the time when nothing which was not classical interested either composers or librettists. Strauss is the fourteenth composer who has been attracted by the adventures of the Queen of Sparta, even though he is the first to follow her as far as the Atlas Mountains. We know—at least by name—Handel's "Tamerlane," some twenty other composers set the same story. Of the heroes of the Trojan war, Ulysses was chosen as a subject for opera by twenty-five composers. Paris by twenty-eight, and Achilles by nearly fifty. So that in going to the classics to-day poet and composer only follow the accepted custom of the pre-romantic era.

The phenomenon does not surprise us since, however changed the aspect of the world, however deep the wounds a world war may inflict, the elemental process of flux and reflux, of action and reaction, ebb and flow can never be altered. We have to choose between passionate ardour and dignity, between romance and law, between an exciting and a staid mode of living. But in reverting to an old theme Strauss and Hofmannsthal have nevertheless given proof of great courage. Strauss is reported to have said that he looked upon the classical world with the eyes of Goethe, and if Strauss said this he was again well within the tradition of the opera composer who asks of the poet that he should open for him the door leading to the magic world which is to inflame his imagination. But there is a difference between the young Goethe at Weimar surrounded by all that the intellectual capital of Germany had of most choice and exquisite, herald of a great new era and the composer with a long and successful career behind him coming after an era of great achievements in music. It is the same difference as exists between a first blossoming and a late harvest.

#### WHAT MUSIC CANNOT DO.

There is, moreover, the new knowledge, the wider culture of the public to be reckoned with, for opera cannot exist without the support of the mass, and the cultured masses are apt to look with critical eyes on the marriage of music and a classical theme. There are things music cannot do, artifices which are the special province of the poet, thoughts which fit the rhythm of words so perfectly that they become gaudy, if not ridiculous, when they are forced on to the rhythm of music. The subject of Helen, for instance, has appealed something which in a brief line says more than any musician can say in one whole act. Leaving Homer and Goethe aside, one need only recall Marlowe's line:

Was this the face that launch'd a thousand ships,  
or the last lines of Rupert Brooke:  
So Menelaus nagg'd; and Helen  
cried,  
And Paris slept on by Scamander side,  
to see how impossible it is for a musician to suggest in a flash what the poet suggests—the stern horror of the Trojan war, the tragedy of dead Paris, who so much had dared and lost.

Von Hofmannsthal actually quotes Homer at one point—but it

is the weakest point in the opera. The situation is artificial, and Strauss's music harmonised in sixths has a homely, folk-song cast, which ill-supports the bold assertion of the poet that it is right that men should perish for so great a loveliness. Folk-song and melodies of a folk-song type are nearer to philosophy than to striking tragedy; they suggest or deal with events with the glamour of distance and the past; they are less opportune when the call is for present and urgent decision. The whole scene in which the poet shows how the beauty of Helen fires the fancy of very young men is handled by Strauss with his accustomed vigour, but also more roughly than any operatic tradition or convention can justify.

#### AN ADMIRABLE PERFORMANCE

Tradition has its weakness and also its advantages. Undoubtedly the most admirable performance owed much to the tradition that holds the conductor responsible not only for the orchestra, but for all that has to do with music. Herr Fritz Busch's joke may be a very gentle one—but no one dares to question it. Whether he conducts Strauss or Mozart, "Helen in Egypt" or "Così fan Tutte," his indications are obeyed implicitly. No prima donna dares to hold a note a shade longer than necessary, well knowing that should she attempt it she will be left all alone to finish her cadence as best she may.

The most obvious advantages are realised when the knowledge that a high tradition for excellence and enterprise has to be maintained sends those responsible for musical performances to seek the best performers of our time and the best composers of all ages. It was no doubt this knowledge which added to the repertory of the Dresden theatre Verdi's "Macbeth," as well as Strauss's "Helen in Egypt," and to the repertory of the season which is being given in Leipzig Handel's "Alcina," as well as "Fledermaus." It was inspiring to hear the chorus of the Leipzig St. Thomas Kirche sing Brahms's "Fest und Gedenksprüche" in a manner unsurpassed for blend and quality of tone, for it meant that another great tradition was worthily upheld. It was also gratifying to learn that the present Kanter, Dr. Straube, is a great admirer of modern English music, some examples of which he has performed with conspicuous success at the Gewandhaus.

We may compare "Schon glanzte der Saal," in "Helen," with "Hail, bright abode," in "Tannhäuser," and either rejoice that tradition should bring forth such flowers or deprecate its inexorable hold. But to avoid tradition altogether is to plunge into chaos. He is wisest who uses it adroitly, emphasises its strength, and shuns the traps wherein it catches the casual, the weak, and the weary.—D. Telegraph.

### SCHUBERT PRIZES.

#### ENGLISH AWARDS.

The judges in the Schubert contest have lost no time in coming to a decision. The same applies to the American judges, who have awarded the American prizes to Charles Haubel, an assistant professor at New York University; to Louis Gruenberg, a prominent modernist, and to Frederick Stahlberg, long associated with Victor Herbert. In the case of Great Britain, the judges, Sir Hugh Allan, Sir A. C. Mackenzie, Sir Thomas Beecham, Sir Walford Davies, and Professor Donald Tovey, selected works by Frank Merrick, of the R.C.M., Manchester, and once familiar as pianist in our concert rooms (who completed the "Unfinished" Symphony); I. St. A. Johnson, and Haverall Brian for a Gothic Symphony. Sixty-six works were submitted. It will be of great interest to learn how these works are placed in the ultimate list, which will be promulgated from Vienna by the international jury upon which presumably Professor Tovey will sit.

### "IF WE BUT KNEW."

ANDREW SOUTAR AS  
PLAYWRIGHT.  
MAGAZINE-STORY METHOD.

John Corbett ..... Franklin Dyll  
Lady Cynthia Corbett ..... Mary Morrall  
Marquis of Marlinton  
Mrs. Greenlarch ..... Helen Ferrers  
John Greenlarch ..... Phyllis Thomas  
Duchess of Hanstock ..... Tonie Bruce  
Aubrey Tamarest ..... Reginald Gardiner  
Brough Randall ..... S. J. Warrington  
Harold Pearce ..... A. Scott-Gatty  
Mr. Schmidt ..... Henry Adnes  
Otto ..... Henry Fielding  
Maid ..... Margo Barr  
Miss Davis ..... Dorothy Peters  
Footman ..... Hector MacGregor  
Producer—Reginald Bach.

Mr. Andrew Soutar's is a name to conjure with among people addicted to the magazine-story habit; and it was interesting at the Comedy Theatre to see how his magazine-story method fitted (or, at moments, failed to fit) the stage. To be a magazine-story writer a man needs a strong sense of situation and a certain imperviousness to reality. The first is a tremendous asset to him when he turns to play-writing; the second is a dangerous quality, more likely to betray him than to carry him to success.

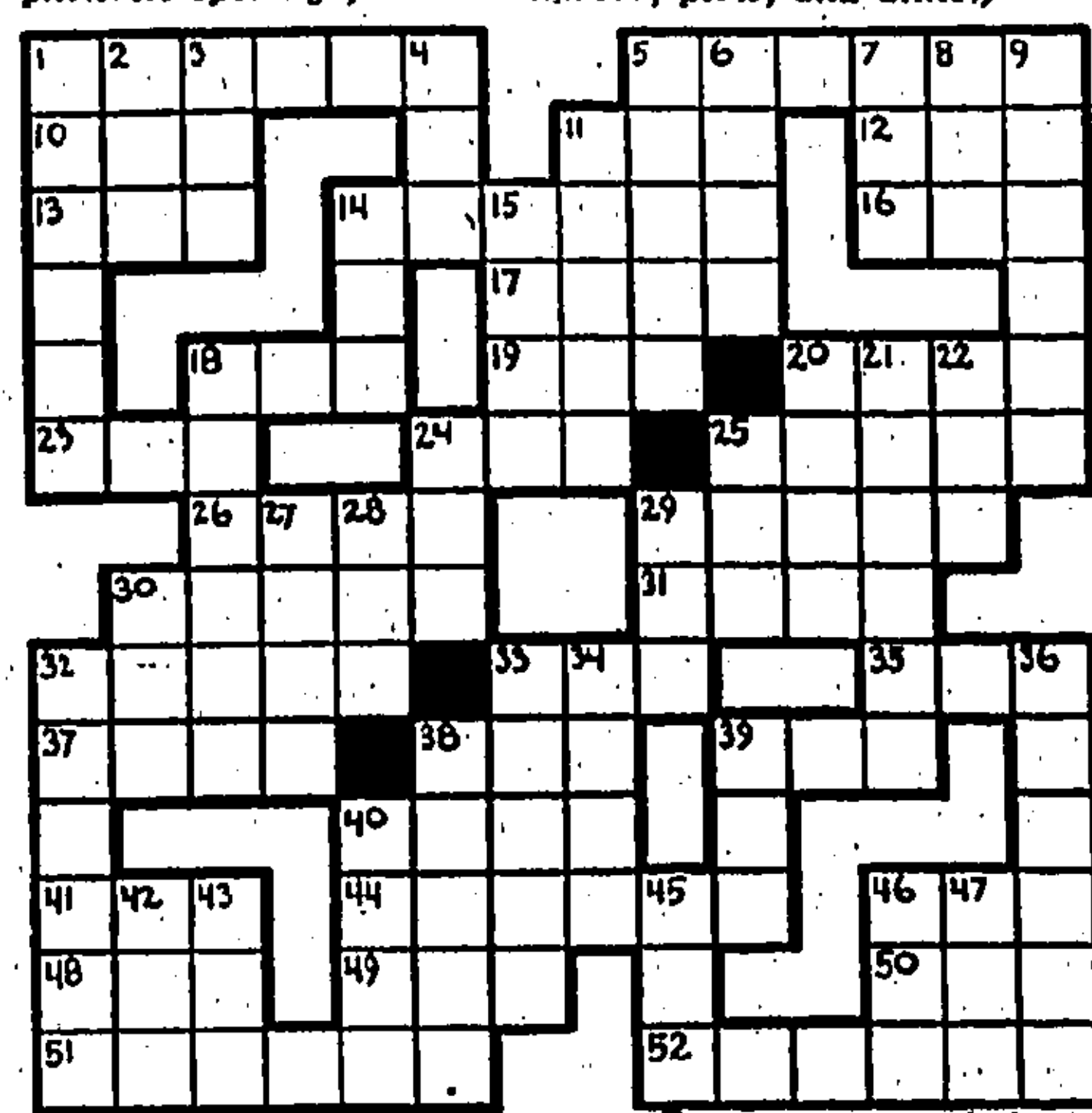
However, for the sake of pleasantness, let me take the credit side of the ledger first. Mr. Soutar's feeling for situation has enabled him to present what is generally known in the trade as a "strong" play. It has given him, moreover, the ability to write for Mr. Franklin Dyll a "strong" part, in which that very fine actor simply reveals throughout three eventful acts. In the first act Mr. Dyll is seen as a tremendously successful financier, who lends money to the deserving, refuses to do so to the fatuous and the greedy, and adores his young wife. The young wife adores him, too, but alas! she has a past. Long before she knew John Corbett she went away with Brough Randall—oh, a dreadful young man. And so she must now take the pearls John has given her to a money-lender as security for a loan to Randall. And in the second act we find that the money-lender is John Corbett himself, disguised as an elderly Jew. You see the terrific situation!

You see also the imperviousness to reality. In real life people don't do these things; in magazine stories—the kind of magazine stories which Mr. Soutar writes so successfully—they do nothing else. In real life Lady Cynthia would have recognised, what was plain to any intelligent member of the audience at a glance, that John Corbett was exactly the kind of man to whom she could safely tell all. She would undoubtedly have told him all, and deprived Mr. Soutar of his play. As it is, when—after hours of agony—she does tell him, he merely makes quite sure that the affair was over before his marriage, and has not been renewed since, and then remarks "What of it?" or words to that effect. This is no doubt very sensible and understanding of him, but it reduces Lady Cynthia to little better than an idiot. However, it seems they like them silly—in the magazines.

Miss Mary Morrall plays Lady Cynthia as if she believed in her, which proves that she really is an actress. Mr. A. Bromley-Davenport, as Lady Cynthia's quite definitely imbecile parent, wanders in and out, and is always welcome and always amusing. Mr. S. J. Warrington, who specialises now-days in gentlemen who love and ride away, is calmly unpleasant as Randall. Miss Phyllis Thomas struggles gamely as a "modern" girl, but Mr. Soutar does not understand the type, and gives her no chance. Mr. Reginald Gardiner plays a small part excellently, and Miss Tonie Bruce, Miss Helen Ferrers, Mr. Henry Adnes, and Mr. Henry Fielding deserve mention. The play was well received; and it will be interesting to see how long a run its one signal quality of strength will give it.—W. A. D. in the "Daily Telegraph."

## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| <b>HORIZONTAL</b>                                      | <b>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</b>  | <b>VERTICAL (Cont.)</b>   |
| 1-What U. S. general was killed by Indians in 1872?    | 37-Ordinary manner of doing or acting                                  | 18-What is an offering to God, as in fulfillment of a vow?                |
| 5-What insect was sacred in ancient Egypt?             | 38-Insect  | 20-Aggravated   |
| 10-Combining form.                                     | 39-March   | 21-What is an extended line, as of men?                                   |
| 11-And yet   | 40-To bring to grief   | 22-A suffix of nouns and adjectives                                       |
| 12-What is dread mingled with veneration?              | 41-A spigot  | 24-Truth  |
| 13-A wharf loafer (slang)                              | 42-What is a breadth of planking or plating on a vessel's hull called? | 25-What is a representation of a region?                                  |
| 14-Narrow  | 43-An Asiatic ruminant   | 27-What is a service commemorating a death?                               |
| 15-A gnome   | 44-To urge to action   | 28-To flog (slang)  |
| 17-Article (German)                                    | 45-Sooner than   | 29-The top of a thing   |
| 18-A fish  | 50-To piece out  | 30-Prefix. From   |
| 19-A drink   | 51-To terminate  | 32-To wrap, as in bandages  |
| 20-A cliff   | 52-A torn and hanging shred  | 33-What British major was hanged as a spy during the American Revolution? |
| 21-Self  |  | 34-A covered porch  |
| 24-Period of time (pl.-abov.)                          | <b>VERTICAL</b>  | 35-What high-powered monoplane is named after its Dutch maker?            |
| 25-What Irish poet wrote "Lalla Rookh"?                | 1-What is a reactor's assistant?                                       | 36-A cavern (poet)  |
| 26-Repetition of words as a means of learning them     | 2-Girl's name  | 37-An adversary   |
| 29-To bear the expense of                              | 3-To take a seat   | 40-One who uses a cathedral city in France                                |
| 30-What was the name of Mohammed's uncle?              | 4-A settled habit  | 43-Energy (slang)   |
| 31-Opened (poet.)                                      | 5-In slang, what is a liking or fancy?                                 | 45-A tub for packing  |
| 32-In what country did the bolero, a dance, originate? | 6-What is a sheepfold?   | 46-In addition  |
| 33-A serpent   | 7-A roe (Scott)  | 47-Same as "ache"   |
| 35-Wrong   | 8-An instrument for making small holes                                 |   |
|  | 9-In front of  |   |
|  | 11-Coat skirts   |   |
|  | 14-Grassy surface-slo  |   |
|  | 15-To erect  |   |

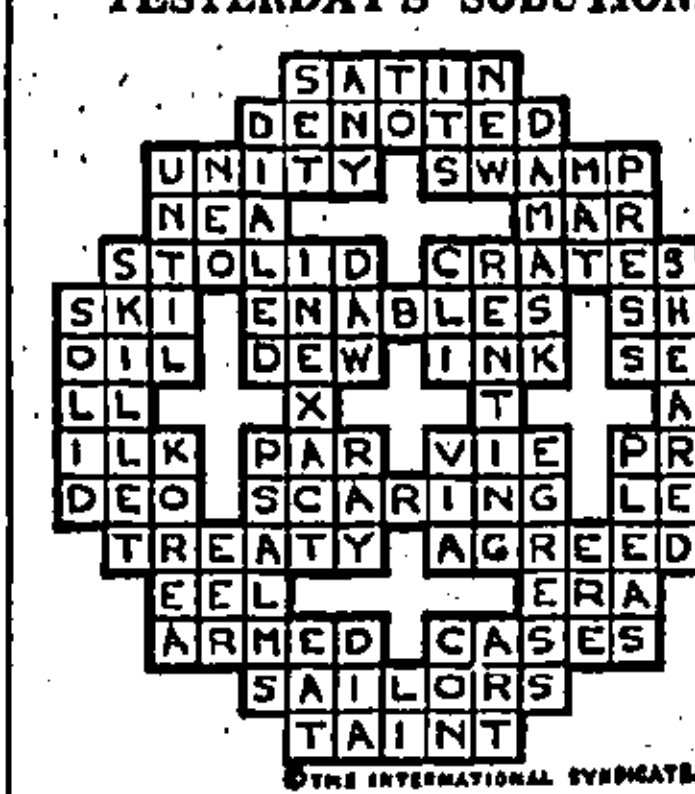
## ART AND SCIENCE.

### A NEW THEORIST.

Mr. John Redfield, Lecturer in the Physics of Music at Columbia University, suggests in a large volume, of over three hundred pages, that there is a scientific aspect to music, and that in approaching music from the scientific side we may find the solution of problems which so far have eluded our efforts. Let us say at once that in the course of his researches Mr. Redfield has made some notable discoveries. But a certain scepticism is inevitable in the case of a subject as wide as harmony. Not long ago Signor Gentili's "Nuova teoria dell'armonia" purported to treat harmony also from an entirely new, logical, scientific standpoint. Yet it did not affect in the least the course of music, Mr. Redfield holds out a fine prospect of finer instruments, of such violins as Stradivari's dream of building, of pianos perfectly tuned, of orchestras and bands where the balance of tone will be absolutely even. But it would not surprise us if, in spite of all these allurements, the world went on in the old bad ways.

There are certainly assumptions in Mr. Redfield's volume which do not inspire confidence. Is it really true that the defects of the violin are due to the vested interests of dealers, and that a civil engineer capable of designing a suspension bridge could construct a violin better than Stradivari's? We have not heard of civil engineers attempting it; but surely Mr. Redfield is not ignorant of the claims that are put forward almost every year by various makers—Art, by John Redfield. (Alfred claims which after a few years are

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



inevitably forgotten. If Mr. Redfield believes he can beat Stradivari, he has only to do so and gain a fortune. In the same way his theory on the construction of trumpets and tubas should be put immediately to the test of actual practice, and we feel sure that no prejudice will be allowed to stand in the way of the musicians' whole-hearted gratitude. Mr. Redfield is obviously not the artist, but the scientist. He pleads mostly for bigger tone, more percussion; he longs for jazz instruments to be employed in the symphony orchestra, for the vibratone, which, attached to the orchestral bells, "furnishes music of a tone quality so ethereally sweet as to quite equal our dreams of what angel voices might sound like." All this may come to pass in time, but somehow we do not feel attracted by the new instrument, consisting of eighty-eight generating metal tubes, "with corresponding resonator tubes, and each resonator with a revolving vibratone disk"—at least not "for household purposes."—F. B. "Music: A Science and an Art," by John Redfield. (Alfred A. Knopf, 21s.)

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### BLESSING OR CURSE?

WHAT THE "GLOOMY DEAN" THINKS OF "WORK."

SAID ADAM TO EVE.

Dean Inge, in the course of an article in the "Evening Standard" on "Work," says:—

When our first parents were driven out of Paradise Adam is believed to have remarked to Eve: "My dear, we live in an age of transition." The chief feature of the change was that henceforth Adam and his descendants had to work for their living.

Was this really a punishment? There are still a few isles of the Lotus Eaters, where food grows wild. Their inhabitants have remained savages. Kingsley in his "Water Babies" condemns those who have migrated from the land of Hard-Work to the land of Ready-Made to a still heavier fate—they climb up their ancestral tree and become apes once more. Carlyle, in deeper tones, exclaims: "Blessed is he who has found his work. Let him seek no other blessedness." Many others have said the same thing. To put it at its lowest, hard work keeps us out of mischief. "A man is seldom so harmlessly occupied," said Dr. Johnson, "as when he is making money."

### LONG HOURS.

At all times and in all places there have been men and women who have worked neither for fear nor favour, but because they love either their work or their fellow men or their God. In every society there is a large number of citizens who preserve civilisation from the corruption which corrodes every institution, the members of which work unwillingly, for fear of punishment or hope of reward. There are traditions of disinterested service in some professions. Soldiers in war time undergo every kind of hardship and incur the greatest risks for a bare pittance. It was a commonplace ten years ago to say that if the spirit of the trenches could be imported into civil life, our social problems would easily be solved.

There are other professions in which there is a high standard of professional honour. We cannot imagine public school masters striking in the middle of a term, or doctors during an epidemic. Scholars and men of science would never consent to an eight-hour day: they work for much more than eight hours, for rewards which are sometimes too small to be calculated. Perhaps, like Harnack, they are glad when the day's work is over; but for all that their work is really their play, and their play mere recreation, grudgingly accepted for the sake of health. Life would be intolerable to them if they were forbidden to work, and to work harder than any wage-earner is allowed to work.

### DIFFICULTIES.

What are the things that make work pleasant, and what are the things that make it disagreeable?

Putting aside the question of remuneration, which is outside the work itself, the first requisite is that the work shall be interesting. This may seem an impossible requirement, but I do not think it is so. Whenever we put all our energies into our work, it becomes interesting. When I was a young man, the Headmaster of Eton commissioned me to write a Latin Grammar for the upper forms of the school. There are few who would say that the niceties of Latin syntax—the forms of the conditional sentence and the rules of "oratio obliqua"—are an interesting subject; but I became quite keen about them before I had finished. Whenever there are difficulties to be solved interest is easily awakened. But no doubt there must be also the conviction that the work is worth doing. Nobody ought to be set to the making of useless luxuries, in which the toil of weeks may be consumed in an hour; such tasks are degrading, however well they may be paid.

Third comes the delight of creating something which we believe to be beautiful, or know to be useful—the joy of good craftsmanship, which I am afraid is threatened by all-permeating machinery and mass-production.

### WHERE THERE IS LOVE.

Last and most important is love or goodwill. Within the family there is an immense amount of unpaid labour, sweetened by affection. In professions which evoke and demand loyalty, such as the Army and the Church, men shrink from no sacrifice and keep no accounts of giving and taking. Where there is no love and loyalty between employers and employed, but only what Carlyle calls the cash nexus, there is sure to be endless friction. Labour is distasteful, not only when it is inadequately paid; but when the workman thinks that his work is being wasted; when it is so far mechanised that it is not work for an intelligent man; and, above all, when the mind is poisoned by envy and hatred.

If I am right, the social problem is more psychological than political or economic. Legitimate discontent with the conditions of labour ought to be remedied, even at the cost of diminished production. But the preachers of class enmity are the worst enemies of society, and the preachers of love and loyalty and goodwill are its best friends.

The Macao Hotel President is to be opened by H.E. the Governor of Macao on Sunday next. This is the first building of the sky-scraper type to be erected at Macao and is remarkable for the many innovations possessed, some shown at Macao for the first time. The total cost is estimated at over \$500,000.

### STOLEN GOODS.

THE SOVIET OIL FOLLY.

A WARNING.

The unfair competition of Soviet oil was referred to at the annual meeting at Glasgow of Scottish Oils, Ltd., by the chairman, Sir John T. Gargill.

It was nothing short of a tragedy, he declared, that the Government should ever have allowed a product which in reality was stolen goods to be freely shipped into this country and sold here without let or hindrance. He was surprised and astonished that loyal British subjects should ever lend themselves to the encouragement of a trade which was reselling stolen goods—a crime punishable in this country by serious penalties.

He was sure that if anybody who dealt in Russian oil, or bought it, would only consider what it would mean to them if Soviet Russia's policy of confiscating private property were adopted by other civilised countries, they would not continue either to trade in the oil or to buy one gallon of it.

"It is a tragedy," concluded Sir John, "that merely to save a penny or twopenny a gallon hundreds of thousands of people in this country should buy stolen Russian oil."

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## MINERS & SCOTTISH COMMUNISTS.

### CONFERENCE VOTE.

"RED" MINORITY TACTICS CONDEMNED.

AND A PLEDGE.

London, Yesterday.

By a majority of 620,000 to 3,000 miners, the Miners' conference, on a card vote, upheld the Executive's decision condemning the Communist minority tactics, and pledged itself to render all possible help to the bona fide Scottish miners' federation.—Reuter.

### OBREGON'S DEATH.

THE ASSASSIN A YOUNG ART STUDENT.

REMOVAL OF THE BODY.

Mexico City, July 18.

President Calles has stated that the assassin of General Obregon has confessed that the crime was actuated by religious fanaticism. He asserted that the Government's evidence indicated that the clerical faction was directly implicated.

He said the Government would continue to follow constitutional paths, which is interpreted to mean that President Calles does not intend to take another term of office. It is reported that five suspects have been arrested.

The assassin of General Obregon has been identified as Jose Deleontor, an art student 23 years old, who came to Mexico City from Guadalajara six months ago to find work.

The police found in his possession a rosary and a picture of the priest, Miguel Augustin, who was executed after an attempt to assassinate General Obregon with bombs last November.

Deleontor refused to admit that he had any accomplices.

Sad Homecoming.

Mexico City, Yesterday.

General Obregon's body was conveyed by train to his native state, Sonora.

President Calles, accompanied by Cabinet Ministers, the Army, Navy and Officers of the Diplomatic Corps, walked to the station behind the hearse, which was escorted by cavalry, while aeroplanes manoeuvred overhead, 150,000 people lined the route.

Just before the train steamed out, thousands of General Obregon's followers raised their right hand and solemnly swore an oath to sustain his principles, and see the assassin and his accomplices punished.

More Arrests.

Later.

There have been several more arrests in connection with the assassination of Obregon.

Congress Action.

The Permanent Commission of Congress has ordered nine days' mourning for Obregon and special session of the commission has been convoked for July 30, presumably to deal with the succession to the presidency.—Reuter's American Service.

### HAYNES DEBACLE.

(Continued From Page 1.)

been living at the Kowloon Hotel but he (witness) did not know his whereabouts now.

ANOTHER JUDGMENT.

Judgment in the sum of \$502 (\$100 being for salary and \$2 for interest) was given, with costs, for plaintiff.

Chak Man-kit, who sued (through Mr. Russ) for \$552, said that he had no real work to do. He had asked Mr. Haynes for his money, speaking in English. Haynes had replied that he would pay at the expiry of the agreement (for a trial period of three months' services).

Questioned by Mr. Russ as to the "alleged robbery and who had perpetrated it," witness said that he had no evidence that it had taken place.

Mr. Russ: Is it a sign of imagination?—Witness: It might be. Concluding, witness said that he and most of the other shroffs knew that there was very little actual business.

Judgment was also given for the claim and costs, and as in the previous case, against the South China Trade Protection Association and L. E. Haynes.

## THE OUTLAWRY OF WAR.

### THE SIGNATORIES.

BRITISH EMPIRE AND MR. KELLOGG'S PACT.

CHORUS OF PRAISE.

London, Yesterday.

The British, Australian, South African, New Zealand and Indian Governments' replies, accepting Mr. Kellogg's Anti-War Pact Proposals are published.

Britain's Views.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, replying on behalf of Britain says that he is glad to sign the proposed Treaty, and recalls his reply cabled on May 19. He says that he is satisfied that the stipulation now inserted in the preamble is sufficient to meet the first point, namely, that if on the parties to the proposed treaty resorted to war in violation of its terms the other parties should be released automatically from their obligations towards that party under the Treaty.

League Obligations.

He did not consider the fulfilment of the obligations under the League Covenant and the Treaty of Locarno were precluded by acceptance of the Treaty Britain concurs in the view enunciated by the German Government's note of April 27 on the British Notes with peculiar satisfaction and that all parties to the Locarno treaties had now been invited to be-

### "FAIR TO SHOWERY."

E. winds, moderate; fair to showery, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

Pressure is high to the north of Japan. There are indications of a depression to the south of Hainan, moving westward.

come original signatories to the new treaty and that clearly it was the wish of the United States that all members of the League should become parties by signature or accession.

The Right of Self-Defence.

Sir A. Chamberlain trusts that in order that as many states as possible may participate in the new movement a general invitation may be extended to them to do so. Sir Austen emphasises that Britain's acceptance is conditional and does not prejudice her freedom of action relating to "certain regions." He agrees with Mr. Kellogg that the Treaty does not restrict nor impair in any way the right of self defence and that each State is alone competent to decide when circumstances necessitate recourse to war. In that purpose he concludes that Britain rejoices in being associated with the United States and other parties to the treaty in a further and signal advance towards the outlawry of war.

Chorus of Praise.

Sir A. Chamberlain forwards the replies of Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and India serially.

Australia and South Africa, accept the assurance that the signatory's right of self-defence will not be impaired in any way, and that any signatory resorting to war in violation of the Treaty will forfeit the benefits thereof and that the Treaty is not inconsistent with the league covenant.

South Africa adds that they are very satisfied that the Treaty is open to accession by all the Powers of the world.

Australia says that it is "quite agreeable to signing" a treaty, the text of which is now completely satisfactory.

South Africa has "very great pleasure in expressing its willingness to sign."

New Zealand expresses "utmost satisfaction" and the Government of India associate themselves wholeheartedly and very gladly in the "terms of the Treaty."—Reuter.

Canada's Reply.

Ottawa, Yesterday.

Canada's brief reply cordially accepting Mr. Kellogg's anti-war proposals is published.—Reuter's American Service.

### TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2/0 3/16.

## P. & O. S.S. "DELTA" IN COLLISION.

### OFF PORTUGAL.

COLLIDE WITH "CITY OF KHIOS" IN A FOG.

PUTS INTO LISBON.

London, Yesterday.

The P. & O. s.s. "Delta," from Yokohama and Bombay for London, collided with the s.s. "City of Khios" off Lisbon and is now entering the port of Lisbon.

Lloyd's report from Land's End Wireless Station states that it intercepted this morning an S.O.S. from the "Delta" which, however, the "Delta" cancelled a few minutes afterwards.

Two Holds Leaking.

The "Delta" has wireless to her owners that she collided with the "City of Khios," from Dunkirk for Yokohama in a fog off Capesado and is putting in to Lisbon. She has a leak in the number two and three holds.

At Lisbon.

The "Delhi" ("Delta") has arrived at Lisbon and is moored at the Quay.—Reuter.

### POLICE OFFICER.

SUB-INSPECTOR R. C. WATT RETIRING.

LEAVES TO-MORROW.

Another old member of the Hong Kong Police Force is retiring and will leave for Home by the P. & O. s.s. "Rawalpindi" to-morrow. He is Sub-Inspector R. C. Watt, a brother of Mr. George Watt, Senior Revenue Officer, who went Home recently, and of Mr. James J. ("Blackie") Watt, formerly first class Police Inspector and No. 2 in the Detective Staff, who retired some years ago.

Sub-Inspector Watt, who is being accompanied by Mrs. Watt and their son, will settle down in his home town in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, where "Blackie" has been since his retirement in a picturesque little farm.

Sub-Inspector Watt had been in the Hong Kong Police Force, with the exception of a few months' leave for the past 21 years, during which time he had been stationed in nearly all the districts of the Colony. His post just prior to his retirement is in the New Territories. The retiring officer's promotions in the Force were as follows:—April 1, 1913, Acting Lance Sergeant, being confirmed in that rank nine days later; August 16, 1920, Acting Sub-Inspector, the promotion being confirmed the following day. During 1926, Mr. Watt was acting Inspector.

A Sportsman.

In the realm of sport, Mr. Watt was a good bowler and possess a number of local trophies won at his favourite game in competition organised by the Police Recreation Club. He also took an active part for some years in the organisation of the annual Police Ball.

Both very genial, Mr. Watt and wife have a large number of friends in the Colony, in the Force and outside, and these will all wish them bon voyage and prosperity in the Homeland.

Mrs. Watt is the eldest daughter of a former well-known Hong Kong Police Inspector, Mr. Robertson, who retired in 1911 when he was in charge of No. 7 Police Station.

### MR. MACDONALD.

SEAHAM AND POSSIBLE CANDIDATURE.

The executive of Seaham Harbour Division Labour party met Mr. Arthur Henderson, M.P., secretary of the National Labour party, at Sunderland, to discuss the question of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald being nominated for the Parliamentary representation of the division, in succession to Mr. Sidney Webb, who is retiring.

The executive agreed to place the matter in the hands of Mr. Henderson, who, as a preliminary step is to consult the Aberavon Division Labour party as to whether they are prepared to release Mr. MacDonald from that division.

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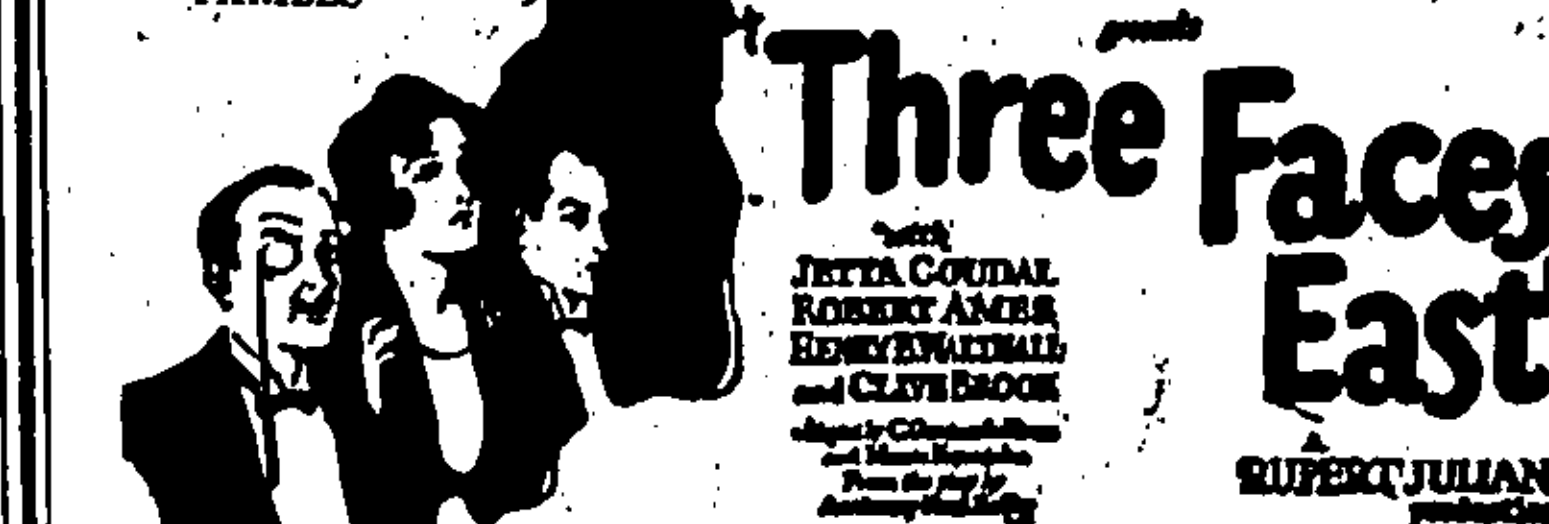


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